

CALENDAR OF COUNCIL MEETINGS FOR 2018/19

Council	12 July 2018
Report Author	Committee Services Manager
Portfolio Holder	Councillor Jason Savage, Cabinet Member for Corporate Governance and Coastal Development
Status	For Decision
Classification:	Unrestricted
Key Decision	No
Ward:	Thanet Wide

Executive Summary:

It was agreed at Annual Council on 10 May to change the Council's scrutiny arrangements from one scrutiny panel to two. This means that there are significant changes to be made to the Council's calendar of meetings for the remainder of the current municipal year.

In addition there are a small number of further changes needed to facilitate the Council considering the local plan as per the timetable set out in the Council's current Forward Plan.

This report asks Council agrees the amendments to the calendar of meetings for the remainder of 2018/19 as set out at Annex 1 to the report.

Recommendation(s):

That Council agrees the amendments to the calendar of meetings for the remainder of 2018/19 as set out at Annex 1 to the report.

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money	There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.
Legal	<p>There are no financial legal implications arising directly from this report. However it should be noted that only Full Council can finalise the decision on the adopting an annual schedule of council meetings.</p> <p>In making any decision, the Council must give due regard to section 149 of the Equality Act 2010.</p>
Corporate	In order to enable the efficient administration of council business and delivery of council services, there needs to be planned activities that cover the period of a municipal/financial year. Planned schedule of meetings advises both officers and Members on when to carryout given council activities and to that end enhances the decision making process.
Equalities Act 2010 & Public Sector Equality Duty	Members are reminded of the requirement, under the Public Sector Equality Duty (section 149 of the Equality Act 2010) to have due regard to the aims of the Duty at the time the decision is taken. The aims of the Duty are: (i) eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act, (ii) advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do

	<p>not share it, and (iii) foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it.</p> <p>Protected characteristics: age, gender, disability, race, sexual orientation, gender reassignment, religion or belief and pregnancy & maternity. Only aim (i) of the Duty applies to Marriage & civil partnership.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td colspan="2">Please indicate which aim is relevant to the report.</td></tr> <tr> <td>Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act,</td><td>✓</td></tr> <tr> <td>Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it.</td><td>✓</td></tr> </table> <p>There are no equity and equalities issues arising directly from this report but the Council needs to retain a strong focus and understanding on issues of diversity amongst the local community and ensure service delivery matches these.</p>	Please indicate which aim is relevant to the report.		Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act,	✓	Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it		Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it.	✓
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CORPORATE PRIORITIES (tick those relevant)✓	
A clean and welcoming Environment	
Promoting inward investment and job creation	
Supporting neighbourhoods	✓

CORPORATE VALUES (tick those relevant)✓	
Delivering value for money	
Supporting the Workforce	✓
Promoting open communications	✓

1.0 Introduction and Background

- 1.1 The calendar of meetings is agreed by Full Council and contains all public committee meetings for Thanet District Council. The current calendar runs through to Annual Council in May 2019. Any changes to the calendar must be agreed by Full Council.

2.0 The Current Situation

- 2.1 It was agreed at Annual Council on 10 May to change the Council's scrutiny arrangements from one scrutiny panel to two. This means that there are significant changes to be made to the Council's calendar of meetings for the remainder of the current municipal year.
- 2.2 The meetings of the Overview and Scrutiny Panel have been deleted from the calendar and they have been replaced by meetings of the Finance, Budget and Performance Scrutiny Panel and the Executive, Policy and Community Safety Scrutiny Panel.
- 2.3 In addition there are a small number of further changes needed to facilitate the Council considering the local plan as per the timetable set out in the Council's current Forward Plan.
- 2.4 These changes are outlined at Annex 1 to this report.

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Annex List

Annex 1	Calendar of council meetings for 2018/19
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Background Papers

Title	Details of where to access copy
None	N/A

Corporate Consultation

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