## REPORT TO THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE 1 MARCH 2017

## PORTFOLIO: LEADER

## REPORT FROM ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

## SUBJECT: TIMETABLE OF MEETINGS 2017/18

## 1 DECISION BEING RECOMMENDED

1.1 That the timetable of meetings for the 2017/18 Municipal Year, as set out in the appendix to this report, be approved.

## 2 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION

2.1 A formalised meetings timetable facilitates the management of Council business. Administrative arrangements should be in place in advance of the new Municipal Year.

## 3 DISCUSSION

3.1 The Council's Constitution sets out some requirements in relation to meetings, specifically:-

- All ordinary meetings of Full Council take place in accordance with a programme decided at the Council's Annual Meeting.
- There should be at least ten ordinary meetings of the Review Committee in each year.
- There should be at least four meetings of the Executive in each year.
3.2 The dates scheduled for Full Council meetings will need to be included on the Annual Council meeting agenda for endorsement. Executive meetings scheduled in the appended timetable reflect the usual throughput of business, including the performance reporting timetable.
3.3 The timetable covers Council, the Executive and Committees. It replicates, where possible, the usual practice of scheduling Council and Review Committee meetings on Tuesday evenings and Executive meetings on Wednesday evenings. Meetings have also been scheduled of the Investment Board, at two-monthly intervals.
3.4 In accordance with usual practice, the timetable includes training dates that have been agreed in advance. These cover a facility for part 1 (refresher/mandatory) and part 2 (competency/mandatory) training.
3.5 Two budget Away days have been scheduled - 7 October 2017 and 20 January 2018. The timetable continues to avoid Monday evenings when most
of the Town/Parish Council main meetings are held. The Council budget setting meeting has been scheduled for 13 February 2018 to allow a margin for any late budgetary announcements from Central Government. Council Tax setting will take place at the Council meeting scheduled for 20 February 2018.
3.6 The timetable allows flexibility for both the cancellation of prearranged meetings and the scheduling of additional meetings if necessary.


## 4 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Requirements within the Council's Constitution are identified at paragraph 3.1 above. The Council's Annual Meeting has to be held within 21 days of Councillors' retirement following elections.

I confirm that the above recommendation does not depart from Council policy and that appropriate consideration has been given to any budgetary and legal implications.

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## Background Papers:-

None.

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MEETINGS TIMETABLE 2017/18


