

North Somerset Council

Report to the Council

Date of Meeting: 20 April 2021

Subject of Report: Municipal Calendar 2021/22

Town or Parish: None

Officer/Member Presenting: Assistant Director, Governance & Monitoring Officer

Key Decision: N/A

Reason:

Not an Executive Decision.

Recommendation

- (1) that the municipal calendar for 2021/22 as attached to the report be approved; and
- (2) that the Leader of the Council be authorised to approve any amendments not dealt with elsewhere.

1. Summary of Report

The report proposes a municipal calendar for 2021/22 for Members' approval.

2. Policy

None

3. Details

3.1 As required under the Constitution, the Municipal Calendar is approved each year at the Annual Council Meeting. To allow councillors and officers to plan ahead and to give members of the public as much notice as possible of forthcoming meetings, a draft Municipal Calendar for 2021/22 was considered and approved by Council at its meeting on 10 November 2020, subject to final approval at the Annual meeting.

4. Consultation

Members and officers have been consulted on proposed dates. The draft calendar was also considered and approved by Council on 10 November 2020.

5. Financial Implications

None

6. Legal Powers and Implications

The Council's Constitution requires that the Annual Council Meeting approves a programme of meetings for the forthcoming year.

7. Climate Change and Environmental Implications

Holding virtual meetings under the Coronavirus Regulations 2020 has avoided the necessity for members, officers and other participants to travel to and from meetings. If virtual meetings continue beyond May 2021 further journeys to and from meetings may be avoided. Active travel to and from any physical meetings would reduce the environmental impact associated with journeys to the Town Hall.

8. Risk Management

Having a draft calendar in place well in advance reduces the risk of meeting clashes both within the Council and with partner organisations.

9. Equality Implications

Have you undertaken an Equality Impact Assessment? No

The livestreaming of meetings has increased accessibility and opened up the decision-making process to a wider audience.

10. Corporate Implications

None

11. Options Considered

As contained within the report.

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Appendices:

Municipal Calendar 2021/22

Background Papers:

Council Report and Minutes, 10 November 2020