

EAST RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL9 MAY 2018Report by Deputy Chief ExecutiveCALENDAR OF MEETINGS – 2019**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. To seek approval for the 2019 meetings calendar.

RECOMMENDATION

2. That the Council approve the 2019 meetings calendar.

BACKGROUND

3. In terms of the Council's Standing Orders, it is necessary for the full Council to approve the calendar of meetings of the Council, subject to the ability of committees to revise dates thereafter.

REPORT

4. To give Elected Members as much notice as possible of future meeting arrangements, the calendar of meetings is routinely prepared up to 18 months ahead with the calendar for 2018 being approved by the Council in June 2017.

5. As usual the proposed calendar takes account of all meetings in respect of which the dates have been determined, but does not take into account those ad-hoc meetings which will be held as and when necessary (e.g. Appeals Committee, Appointments Committee, Planning Pre-determination hearing etc.) and any other special meetings that may be called from time to time.

Council

6. In recent years, due to the late approval of the Scottish Government budget and the subsequent late confirmation of local government funding levels, it has been necessary for the originally scheduled budget meeting to be cancelled and rearranged at relatively short notice. This has caused inconvenience for a number of Elected Members. To deal with this, it is proposed that the scheduled budget meeting take place at the end of February (28 February 2019 at 10am). It is expected that funding levels will have been confirmed before then and so the need for cancelling and rearranging the meeting will be eliminated or at the very least minimised.

Education Committee

7. Every effort has also been made to ensure as far as possible that meetings of the Education Committee are not held on the day of Jewish festivals.

Audit & Scrutiny Committee

8. Discussions have taken place with the Head of Accountancy around the timing of the presentation of the Treasury Management Strategy to the Audit & Scrutiny Committee and the full Council, the draft Annual Accounts to the Audit & Scrutiny Committee and the final Annual Accounts to the Audit & Scrutiny Committee and the Council, and appropriate dates built in to the calendar.

RECOMMENDATION

8. That the Council approve the 2019 meetings calendar.

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

Background Papers - None

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SUMMARY OF MEETING DATES

January to December 2019

COUNCIL – 7.00PM (Wednesday) N.B. Meeting marked with an asterisk (*) will start at 10.00 am on Thursday. Meeting marked with a double asterisk (**) will start at 4pm on Thursday	CABINET – 10.00AM (Thursday)	CABINET (Police and Fire) – 10.00AM (Thursday)	EDUCATION COMMITTEE – 10.00AM (Thursday)
	24 January		31 January
28 February (*)	7 & 14 February	21 February	
	14 March		28 March
	4 & 25 April		
1 May	2 & 16 May	23 May	9 May
26 June	6 & 20 June		13 June
	15 & 29 August		22 August
11 & 26(**) September	12 & 26 September	19 September	
30 October	10 & 24 October		3 October
	7 & 28 November	21 November	14 November
18 December	5 December		

PLANNING APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE 2.00PM (Wednesday)	LOCAL REVIEW BODY 2.30 PM (Wednesday)	AUDIT & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 2.00PM (Thursday)	LICENSING COMMITTEE 2.00 PM (Tuesday)
16 January	16 January	24 January	22 January
13 February	13 February	21 February	19 February
13 March	13 March	14 March	19 March
10 April	10 April		16 April
15 May	15 May	2 May	14 May
12 June	12 June	20 & 27 June	11 June
7 August	7 August	15 August	13 August
4 September	4 September	26 September	10 September
2 October	2 October		15 October
6 November	6 November	21 November	12 November
4 December	4 December		10 December

JOINT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (1st TIER) 2.00 PM (Thursday)
14 February
9 May
19 September