

## **SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**REPORT TO:** Council **DATE:** 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021

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### **PART I** **FOR DECISION**

#### **CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2021/2022**

1. **Purpose of Report**

To seek approval of the Calendar of Meetings for 2021/22.

2. **Recommendations**

The Council is requested to resolve:-

(a) That the Calendar of Meetings for the period May 2021 to May 2022, as set out in Appendix A of this report, be approved.

(b) That the Head of Democratic Services / Democratic Services Lead be authorised to make amendments to the Calendar resulting from any constitutional changes that may be agreed, in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution.

3. **Slough Joint Wellbeing Strategy Priorities and Other Implications**

None arising from this report which is administrative in nature.

4. **Supporting Information**

4.1 A draft programme of meetings has been drawn up and is appended to this report.

4.2 If alterations to the Calendar are required as a result of any changes to the Constitution, it is proposed that the Head of Democratic Services / Democratic Services Lead be authorised to make changes following appropriate consultation in accordance with the Constitution.

4.3 Since April 2020 meetings of the Council, Cabinet and committees have been able to be held remotely in accordance with the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020. This allows meetings to be held remotely by video conference and requires meetings to

be live streamed to provide access to the public and press. These regulations will end on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

- 4.4 At the time of preparing this report the Government has stated that it will not be extending the remote meeting provisions which would mean all formal meetings of Council, Cabinet and committees after the elections on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021 would need to be held physically. Social distancing restrictions and wider health and safety implications will need to be fully considered in arranging meetings after this time. Members are therefore asked to note that this may result in some alterations to the calendar of meetings to take account of these circumstances.
- 4.5 The Members' Development Task & Finish Group has worked with Officers to put in place a refreshed programme in 2020/21. The dates for 2021/22 will be added to the calendar of meetings, including the mandatory sessions for members appointed to the Planning Committee and Licensing Committee which will be held before the first meetings of those committees in the municipal year.
- 4.6 There have been several changes to Group meeting dates in the past year and they have not been included at this stage. Dates will be confirmed and added before the start of the municipal year.

5. **Appendices**

Appendix A – Draft Calendar of Meetings 2021/22

**Background Papers**

None