

LONDON BOROUGH OF CROYDON

REPORT:	Council	
DATE OF DECISION:	11th December 2024	
REPORT TITLE:	Council Calendar 2025-26	
CORPORATE DIRECTOR / DIRECTOR:	Stephen Lawrence-Orumwense Director of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer	
LEAD OFFICER:	Adrian May Senior Democratic Services & Governance Officer	
LEAD MEMBER:	Cllr Fitzsimons, Chair of General Purposes Committee	
CONTAINS EXEMPT INFORMATION?	No	N/A
WARDS AFFECTED:	<i>All</i>	

1 SUMMARY OF REPORT

- 1.1** Part 4A of the Constitution of the London Borough of Croydon states dates for Council are agreed by the General Purposes Committee (GPC) and dates for all other Committees in the next municipal year (2025/26) are recommended by the Committee to Full Council.
- 1.2** On the 5th November 2024, General Purposes Committee agreed the Council dates for municipal year 2025/26 and agree to recommend all other committee dates for municipal year 2025/26 (as set out in Appendix A and B) to Council. Draft dates of Cabinet meetings are included for noting.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

For the reasons set out in the report Council is recommended to:

- 2.1 note the Full / Budget Council meetings for the municipal year 2025-26 (as set-out in Appendices A and B).
- 2.2 agree the meeting dates for all other committees for the municipal year 2025-26 (as set-out in Appendices A and B).
- 2.3 note the draft Cabinet meeting dates for the municipal year 2025-26 (as set-out in Appendices A and B).

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 Council needs to review and agree the dates for future Council and Committee meetings for municipal year 2025/26.
- 3.2 Early production of the Council Calendar of meetings for the municipal year 2025-26 is designed to enable future planning of Council business and facilities relevant Officers and Members to plan to help ensure meetings are attended.

4 BACKGROUND AND DETAILS

- 4.1 This version of the calendar has been approved by the Corporate Management Team (CMT), in consultation with the political group leads.
- 4.2 No amendments to the proposed calendar were moved / agreed by GPC on the 5th November 2024.

5 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1 This version of the calendar has been drafted in consultation with lead officers across the council and agreed by General Purposes Committee.

6 CONSULTATION

- 6.1 Lead officers for all council committees, CMT, the Monitoring Officer, and political groups have been approached for comment and drafts of this calendar was produced before being presented to GPC, and now subsequently to Council.

7. CONTRIBUTION TO EXECUTIVE MAYOR'S BUSINESS PLAN

- 7.1 The calendar is produced early enough that good forward planning of council business may take place and contributed to transparency in decision making. This support the priority of ensuring good governance is embedded and best practice adopted.

8. IMPLICATIONS

8.1 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1.1 No financial implications have been identified as a result of this decision.
- 8.1.2 Comments approved by Allister Bannin, Director of Finance (Deputy s151), 25/10/2024.

8.2 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 8.2.1 Council Procedure Rule 3.1 provides “Seven meetings of the Council, including the Annual and Council Tax Meetings, shall be scheduled to be held at the Town Hall, Croydon, on such dates as the General Purposes Committee may agree on behalf of the Council and occasionally as the Chair shall direct during each Council Year”
- 8.2.2 Paragraph 6.1 of the Non-Executive Committee Procedure Rules provides “The dates of scheduled meetings with the exception of those for the Appointments and Disciplinary Committee and Licensing Sub-Committees shall be as printed in the Council diary”.
- 8.2.3 Comments approved by Looqman Desai, Deputy Monitoring Officer. (Date: 25.10.2024)

8.3 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 8.3.1 The Council should pay due regard to section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 when exercising their functions. This includes having due regard to the Public Sector Equality Duty as detailed:
- Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act. (Section 149(1)(a))
 - Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not. (Section 149(1)(b))
 - Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not. (Section 149(1)(c))
- 8.3.2 There are no breaches of this duty or further equalities impacts arising from the recommendations in this report.
- 8.3.3 Comments to be approved by Ken Orlukwu for the Equalities Programme Manager. (Date 25/10/2024)

9. APPENDICES

9.1 *A Draft Council Calendar of meetings by committee*

B Draft Council Calendar of meetings by date

10. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

10.1 None