

Report on	Committee and Council Meetings: 2024-2025
Date of Meeting	Thursday 11 April 2024
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	No	x

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To consider the 2024-2025 Committee and Council Meeting Schedule for approval. This schedule will commence from June 2024.
2.0	Background
2.1	The business of council is undertaken through its committee and council meetings, a schedule for which is considered annually for approval by this Committee.
2.2.	A meeting Schedule for the period June 2024 to May 2024 has been developed and attached as appendix A to this report.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	The Council conducts its business through a Traditional Committee System of governance, whereby recommendations are brought from its 5 Committee to the next available meeting of Council for approval.
3.2	Appendix A to this report is the proposed schedule of meetings for the period June 2024 – May 2025. The Council's Annual meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday 3 rd June 2024.
3.3	In summary: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 2024 Annual Meeting will take place on Monday 3rd June as per requirement under Standing Orders. Committee meetings as a rule of thumb have been scheduled to take place across the first two weeks of each month, unless to accommodate public or bank holidays in which case they take place across a single week.

3.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council meetings will take place on the 4th Thursday of each month, where scheduled, unless to facilitate upcoming public or bank holidays. • There is no Council meeting scheduled for August, this being the Council’s recess month in line with the approach taken in 2021, 2022 and 2023. The Committee may be minded to schedule an August meeting for 2024 should this be required. • Special Council meeting to consider the annual accounts is scheduled for Monday 23 September 2024. • Special Council meeting to consider the 2025-26 District Rate is scheduled to take place on Monday 10th February 2025 to meet the Departmental deadline for striking the rate for Mid Ulster. • Meetings will commence at 7pm, with the exception of planning whereby a 5pm commencement time was determined by the committee. • In the absence of legislative provision all meetings will be in person. When legislative provision is reintroduced Council and Committee meetings may resume in hybrid if Council is minded to do so. • Council and Audit will meet in Dungannon, Planning will meet in Dungannon and when refurbishment of audio equipment is complete will alternate between Dungannon and Magherafelt. Policy & Resources, Environment and Development will meet in Cookstown until refurbishment of audio equipment is complete following which they will alternate between Cookstown and Magherafelt. <p>The Committee is requested to give consideration and approval to the attached Schedule to facilitate forward planning by Members and Council Officers.</p>
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: none
	Human: none
	Risk Management: none
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: none
	Rural Needs Implications: none

5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	That the Committee considers and gives approval to the Council & Committee Meeting Schedule for the period June 2024 to May 2025
6.0	Documents Attached & References
	Appendix A: Council & Committee Meeting Schedule 2024-2025