

Report on	Committee and Council Meetings: 2022-2023
Date of Meeting	Thurs 7 th April 2022
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	No	x

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To consider the 2022-2023 Committee and Council Meeting Schedule for approval. This schedule will commence from June 2022.
1.2	To consider rescheduling the Policy & Resources Committee meeting scheduled to take place on Thursday 5 th May 2022 in light of the Northern Ireland Assembly Election
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 2022 to April 2023 has been developed and attached as appendix A to this report. It is anticipated that Local Elections (Council) will take place in early May 2023.
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. Over the past year the Council has been operating its meetings in a hybrid form, whereby members/officers have been present in the room and outside under relevant pieces of legislation.
3.2	Appendix A to this report is the proposed schedule of meetings for the period June 2022 - April 2023. The Council's Annual meeting was previously agreed and is scheduled to take place on Monday 6 th June 2022.
3.3	In summary: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 2022 Annual Meeting will take place on Monday 6th June (as previously agreed in 2021-2022 schedule) as per requirement under Standing Orders

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 • 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 2018, 2019 and 2021. There was an August meeting in 2020 as deemed necessary to address COVID related matters. The Committee may be minded to schedule an August meeting for 2022 should this be required • Special Council meeting to consider the 2023-24 District Rate is scheduled to take place on Monday 6th February 2023 to meet the Departmental deadline for striking the rate for Mid Ulster. • Meetings will commence at 7pm, unless determined otherwise by Committee • Committee Meetings will continue to be held in a hybrid format alternating between Dungannon and Magherafelt Chambers for as long as the legislative provision is in place and the Council is minded to • Council Meetings will continue to be held in a hybrid format being in Dungannon Chamber for as long as the legislative provision is in place and the Council is minded to • The final Council meeting of the term is scheduled to take place on Thursday 20th April as it would be anticipated that the date for the Local Elections (Council) will be early May 2023 <p>3.4 The Committee is requested to give consideration and approval to the attached Schedule to facilitate forward planning by Members and Council Officers.</p> <p>May 2022 Policy and Resources Committee meeting</p> <p>3.5 It has been noted and was referenced at March Committee that the upcoming NI Assembly is on the same day as the May Policy and Resources Committee (5th May). Whilst this election does not directly impact upon Council business Members may however wish to give consideration to bringing this meeting forward to Wednesday 4th May.</p>
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	<p>Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications</p> <p>Financial: none</p> <p>Human: none</p> <p>Risk Management: none</p>

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 2022 to April 2023
5.2	That Committee gives consideration to, bringing the May Policy and Resources Committee forward to Wednesday 4 th May at 7.00pm in Dungannon, in light of the NI Assembly Election, due to take place on Thursday 5 th May 2022
6.0	Documents Attached & References
	Appendix A: Council & Committee Meeting Schedule 2022-2023