ANNUAL COUNCIL 18 MAY 2017

***PART 1 – PUBLIC DOCUMENT**

AGENDA ITEM No.

TITLE OF REPORT: SCHEDULE OF COUNCIL MEETINGS 2017/2018

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek approval to a programme of ordinary meetings of the Council for the Civic Year 2017/2018.

2. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

2.1 That the following programme of ordinary meetings of the Council be approved for the Civic Year 2017/2018:

Wednesday, 19 July 2017; Thursday, 31 August 2017; Thursday, 23 November 2017; Thursday, 18 January 2018; Thursday, 8 February 2018; and Tuesday, 10 April 2018.

3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 To enable Members to agree a programme of ordinary meetings of the Council for 2017/2018.

4. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 A number of alternative dates were considered during consultation.
- 5. CONSULTATION WITH RELEVANT MEMBERS AND EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS
- 5.1 Consultation has been undertaken with the prospective incoming Chairman of the Council.

6. FORWARD PLAN

6.1 This report does not contain a recommendation on a key decision and has not been referred to in the Forward Plan.

7. BACKGROUND

7.1 Standing Order 4.4.1(r) requires the Council, at its Annual meeting, to approve a programme of ordinary meetings of the Council for the ensuing Civic Year.

8. **RELEVANT CONSIDERATIONS**

8.1 Following consultation with the prospective incoming Chairman of the Council, the following dates are recommended for ordinary meetings of the Council during the Civic Year 2017/2018:

Wednesday, 19 July 2017; Thursday, 31 August 2017; Thursday, 23 November 2017; Thursday, 18 January 2018; Thursday, 8 February 2018; and Tuesday, 10 April 2018.

8.2 Should circumstances dictate that any extraordinary meetings of the Council are required to deal with time critical issues in addition to the above programme of meetings then these will, of course, be arranged as necessary.

9. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

9.1 The terms of reference for the Annual Council include "approving a programme of ordinary meetings of the Council for the year".

10. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

10.1 No financial implications arise directly from this report. A schedule of meetings forms part of the Council's usual business arrangements.

11. **RISK IMPLICATIONS**

11.1 There are no direct risk implications arising from this report.

12. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 12.1 In line with the Public Sector Equality Duty, public bodies must, in the exercise of their functions, give due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation, to advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations between those who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
- 12.2 There are no equalities implications in this report.

13. SOCIAL VALUE IMPLICATIONS

13.1 The Social Value Act and "go local" policy do not apply to this report.

14. HUMAN RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

14.1 There are no human resource implications.

15. APPENDICES

15.1 None.

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17. BACKGROUND PAPERS

17.1 None.