

Full Council 3 September 2020 Amendments to the 2020-2021 Calendar of Meetings

For Decision

Portfolio Holder:	Cllr S Flower, Leader of the Council
Local Councillor(s):	All Councillors
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Report Status: Public

Recommendation:

1. That the amendments to the Calendar of Meetings for the period September 2020 to May 2021 be approved.
2. That authority be delegated to the Corporate Director – Legal and Democratic Services to make any necessary changes, in consultation with the relevant Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen, to ensure effective political management.

Reason for Recommendation:

Following the review of the constitution, to safeguard effective political management and comply with the Dorset Council Procedure Rules. Ensuring that appropriate arrangements for Council committee meetings are in place.

1. Executive Summary

To consider the amendments to the 2020-21 calendar of meetings following the review of the constitution and creation of additional committees that was agreed in by Council in February 2020.

2. Financial Implications

Dorset Council will apply its scheme of allowances for the travel requirements for members to attend meetings. There may also be incidental costs as a result of venue bookings which are chargeable. Where other venues have been used the cost of using these venues has been minimised as far as possible.

3. Climate implications

Careful management of the calendar of meetings prevents unnecessary meetings and limits the number of avoidable of journeys travelled by members of the council.

4. Risk Assessment

Having considered the risks associated with this decision, the level of risk has been identified as:

Current Risk: LOW

Residual Risk: LOW

5. Equalities Impact Assessment

This report does not contain a new strategy, policy or function and therefore does not require an impact equality assessment.

6. Appendices

Appendix 1 – Amended Calendar of Meetings September 2020 – May 2021

7. Background Papers

Review of the Constitution - Report to Full Council 18 February 2020

8. Purpose of the report

8.1 The Calendar of Meetings for 2020-21 was adopted by the Council on 21 November 2019. However since then a review of the constitution has taken place having been brought forward by the Leader of Council after consultation with Group Leaders, the Chief Executive and the Monitoring Officer.

8.2 Bringing forward the review enabled changes to be approved by the Council to the committee structure and the roles of members. These changes were due to be implemented in May following the annual meeting of council.

However due to the Covid-19 Pandemic the annual meeting had to be postponed until September 2020.

8.3 Members are asked to note the additions and adjustments made to the 2020-2021 Calendar of Meetings in order to accommodate the following new committees:-

- People and Health Overview Committee
- Place and Resources Overview Committee
- People and Health Scrutiny Committee
- Place and Resources Scrutiny Committee

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30 July 2020

Footnote:

Issues relating to financial, legal, environmental, economic and equalities implications have been considered and any information relevant to the decision is included within the report.