



Name of meeting: Council

Date: 21 October 2020

Title of report: Dates of Council meetings 2020-21

Purpose of report:

To determine dates and times for meetings of Council for the remainder of 2020-21 Municipal Year

Key Decision - Is it likely to result in spending or saving £250k or more, or to have a significant effect on two or more electoral wards?	Not applicable
Key Decision - Is it in the <u>Council's Forward Plan (key decisions and private reports)</u> ?	No
The Decision - Is it eligible for call in by Scrutiny?	Not applicable
Date signed off by <u>Strategic Director</u> & name Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Finance? Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Legal Governance and Commissioning?	Rachel Spencer-Henshall, 12.10.20 Not applicable Julie Muscroft, 12.10.20
Cabinet member <u>portfolio</u>	Not applicable

Electoral wards affected: Not applicable

Ward councillors consulted: Not applicable

Public or private: Public

Has GDPR been considered? Not applicable

1. Context

Council Procedure Rule 2 (1) advises that the dates of ordinary Council Meetings in each Municipal Year will be determined by the Council following recommendations made by the Corporate Governance and Audit Committee.

Due to the Corona Virus global pandemic and subsequent cancellation of local elections, the meeting of Council scheduled for 18 March 2020 was cancelled and the Annual Council meeting scheduled for 20 May 2020 was cancelled.

The Coronavirus (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) Regulations 2020 ('the Regulations') came into force on 4 April 2020. This put in place the ability for Councils to hold meetings virtually, so long as they met certain criteria specified in the regulations. The first virtual meeting of Cabinet was held on 1 May 2020 and since then a full programme of public meetings has resumed virtually.

Since the implementation of the aforementioned Regulations, the following virtual Council meetings have been held or scheduled:-

Date – 1730 start	Council Meeting
Wednesday 8 July 2020	Key Discussion
Wednesday 9 September 2020	Holding Executive to Account
Wednesday 21 October 2020	Key Discussion
Wednesday 11 November 2020	Extraordinary (Devolution)

2. Future meeting schedule

Council Procedure Rule 5(1) states that there shall be two types of Ordinary meeting of the Council, one which focuses on Holding the Executive to Account, and the other for Key Discussions.

The following dates are proposed and meetings will be held either virtually or in Huddersfield Town Hall depending on the situation in relation to the pandemic and any subsequent legislative considerations.

Date – 1730 start	Council Meeting
Wednesday 25 November 2020	Scrutiny Update
Wednesday 13 January 2021	Holding Executive to Account
Wednesday 10 February 2021	Budget Council
Wednesday 17 March 2021	Key Discussion

Wednesday 19 May 2021	Annual Council
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It is proposed that the meeting of Annual Council scheduled for 19 May 2021, will commence with a civic ceremony at 1230 pm.

3. Information required to take a decision

Not applicable

4. Implications for the Council

4.1 Working with People

Not applicable

4.2 Working with Partners

Not applicable

4.3 Place Based Working

Not applicable

4.4 Climate Change and Air Quality

Not applicable

4.5 Improving outcomes for children

Not applicable

4.6 Other (eg Legal/Financial or Human Resources) Consultees and their opinions

- Engagement with Leading Members
- Corporate, Governance and Audit Committee members

5. Next steps and timelines

That subject to approval, the dates be confirmed for the remainder of the 2020-21 municipal year.

6. Officer recommendations and reasons

- 6.1** That the schedule of Council meetings for the remainder of the 2020-21 municipal year be approved;

7. Cabinet Portfolio Holder's recommendations

Not applicable

8. Contact officer

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9. Background Papers and History of Decisions

Not applicable

10. Service Director responsible

Julie Muscroft, Service Director – Legal, Governance and Commissioning