

Meeting of:	ANNUAL MEETING OF COUNCIL
Date of Meeting:	13 MAY 2026
Report Title:	PROPOSED PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL AND COUNCIL COMMITTEES
Report Owner: Responsible Chief Officer/Cabinet Member	MONITORING OFFICER
Responsible Officer:	MARK GALVIN – SENIOR DEMOCRATIC SERVICES - COMMITTEES
Policy Framework and Procedure Rules:	There is no effect upon the policy framework and procedure rules.
Executive Summary:	To seek the approval of Annual Council on proposed dates of Council and Council Committees for the year 2026-2027.

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to propose a Programme of ordinary meetings of the Council and Council Committees for May 2026 – April 2027 for approval (**Appendix 1**) and to note the draft proposed Programme of Meetings for the municipal year 2027-2028 (**Appendix 2**).

2. Background

- 2.1 The approval of the Programme of ordinary meetings of Council and Council Committees is required in accordance with the Council's Constitution.

3. Current situation / proposal

- 3.1 The proposed programme of ordinary Meetings of Council for May 2026 - April 2027 is set out below. The programme includes the date of the meeting to consider the Council's annual Budget (24 February 2027). It should be noted, that the date of this meeting could be subject to change, depending on the timeline of the Welsh Government Final Local Government Settlement. Members will also note that in preparing the programme of meetings, care has been taken to avoid scheduling meetings during the pre-election period for the local government elections in May 2027, recognising the heightened sensitivity and restrictions that will apply at this time.

2026

24 Jun
22 Jul
23 Sept
21 Oct
18 Nov

2027

13 Jan
3 Feb
24 Feb
10 Mar

- 3.2 In order to assist with future planning, a Programme of Meetings for the 2027-28 Municipal Year is attached at **Appendix 2** for noting. This programme is provisional and may be subject to further changes, prior to it being approved at next year's Annual Meeting of Council. There are no timings presently for these meetings, due to the fact that a Timings of Meetings survey will be undertaken with members of each Committee, shortly following the Local Government Elections in May 2027. The results of this survey will dictate the timing of particular Committees.
- 3.3 Council is asked to note the meeting dates for Cabinet, Cabinet Committees, and the Coychurch Crematorium Joint Committee, which are included within the appendices for completeness.
- 4. Equality implications (including Socio-economic Duty and Welsh Language)**
- 4.1 The protected characteristics identified within the Equality Act, Socio-economic Duty and the impact on the use of the Welsh Language have been considered in the preparation of this report. As a public body in Wales the Council must consider the impact of strategic decisions, such as the development or the review of policies, strategies, services and functions. It is considered that there will be no significant or unacceptable equality impacts as a result of this report.
- 5. Well-being of Future Generations Implications and Connection to Corporate Well-being Objectives**
- 5.1 The well-being goals identified in the Act were considered in the preparation of this report. It is considered that there will be no significant or unacceptable impacts upon the achievement of well-being goals/objectives as a result of this report.
- 6. Climate Change and Nature Implications**
- 6.1 There are no Climate Change or Nature Implications arising from this report.
- 7. Safeguarding and Corporate Parent Implications**
- 7.1 There are no Safeguarding and Corporate Parent Implications arising from this report.
- 8. Financial Implications**
- 8.1 There are no financial implications in relation to this report.

9. Recommendations

9.1 Council is recommended to:-

- a. Approve the proposed Programme of Council meetings for 2026-2027 as set out in paragraph 3.1 of this report;
- b. Approve the proposed Programme of Meetings of Council Committees for 2026-2027, as also set out in **Appendix 1** to this report;
- c. Note the provisional Programme of Meetings of Council and Council Committees for 2027-2028, set out in **Appendix 2** to this report;
- d. Note the dates of Cabinet, Cabinet Committees and the Coychurch Crematorium Joint Committee which are also set out within the appendices for information purposes.

Background documents:

None