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REPORT TO EXECUTIVE

PORTFOLIO AREA: ALL

Date of Meeting: 19 November 2007

Public

Key Decision: No Recorded in Forward Plan: No

Inside Policy Framework

Title: DATES AND TIMES OF MEETINGS FOR 2008/09

Report of: DIRECTOR OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

Report reference: LDS.96/07

Summary:

To consider dates and times of meetings for meetings of the City Council, the Executive, Overview and Scrutiny Committees and the regulatory Committees for 2008/09 in order to make a recommendation to the City Council.

Recommendations:

- (1) The observations of the Executive are requested for submission to the City Council on the schedule of dates and times for meetings in the 2008/09 Municipal Year.
- (2) That the dates and times for meetings of the Executive, which have been chosen by the Leader, be noted.

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Note: in compliance with section 100d of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 the report has been prepared in part from the following papers: None

1. BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND OPTIONS

- 1.1 Attached at Appendix A is a draft schedule of meeting dates for the City Council, the Executive, Overview and Scrutiny Committees and the Regulatory Committees for the 2008/09 Municipal Year.
- 1.2 The current frequency of meetings is as follows:-

City Council (ordinary meetings) 8 weekly;
Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee Quarterly;
Overview and Scrutiny Committees 6 weekly;
Executive (required to meet at least 13 times per year) 4 weekly;
Development Control Committee 6 weekly;
Regulatory Panel 5 weekly.
Licensing Committee Quarterly

The Audit Committee will meet in June, September, January and April. Dates have been set.

Meetings of the Standards Committee, Appeals Panel, Employment Panel, Licensing Sub-Committees, and other meetings are held as and when required.

- 1.3 Dates and times for meetings of the Executive are at the discretion of the Leader and are currently every 4 weeks.
- 1.4 The Overview and Scrutiny Committees have been scheduled to meet at 10.00am on Thursday mornings, as is current practice.
- 1.5 With regard to the Budget process, the Executive meeting scheduled for Monday 17 November 2008 will consider the initial draft Budget reports. Efforts will be made to restrict the items of business on the agenda to budget reports only. If this is not possible, an additional Special budget meeting may have to be arranged. These will be put out to consultation with the Overview and Scrutiny Committees as follows:-

Community – Thursday 20 November 2008;

Infrastructure - Thursday 27 November 2008;

Corporate Resources – Thursday 4 December 2008;

These are the ordinary meetings of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees.

The observations of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees will be considered at a further special Executive meeting on Monday 8 December 2008.

The Executive will then meet on Monday 15 December 2008 to formally agree its draft Budget for further consultation. This will be submitted to the ordinary meeting of the Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee on Thursday 8 January 2009 with observations being considered by the Executive at their meeting on 19 January 2009.

The budget proposal will then go to a Special meeting of the City Council on 3 February 2009.

- 1.6 The Best Value Performance Plan process may be changed. Until formal advice is received from the Government, dates have been scheduled in line with the current arrangement with a Special Executive on 23 June 2008 and a Special Council on 26 June 2008 to ensure formal approval by the end of June 2008. If these are not required they can be deleted.
- 1.7 The Statement of Accounts also needs to be approved by the City Council by the end of June and could also be submitted to the Special City Council meeting on 26 June 2008.

2. CONSULTATION

2.1 Consultation to Date.

Consultation has taken place with the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee, the Leader and the Senior Management Team.

2.2 Consultation proposed.

The views of the Executive and the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee will be reported to the City Council on 15 January 2008.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 The observations of the Executive are requested for submission to the City Council on the schedule of dates and times for meetings in the 2008/09 Municipal Year.

3.2 That the dates and times for meetings of the Executive, which have been chosen by the Leader, be noted.

4. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 In order to recommend to the City Council a schedule of dates and times for meetings covering the 2008/09 Municipal Year as required by Procedure Rule 1.1(ix).

5. IMPLICATIONS

- Staffing/Resources Subject to the Council agreeing a schedule of meetings for Council, Overview and Scrutiny Committees and Regulatory Committees and the Leader arranging a schedule of meetings of the Executive which are broadly comparable with the schedule of meetings for the current Municipal Year, there are no additional staffing/resource requirements arising from this report.
- Financial The meetings necessary for the Budget process have been scheduled into the Calendar of Meetings.

The Council budget meeting is currently scheduled for 3 February 2009. As this is before 8 February any proposed amendments to the budget proposals on the night would act as a reference back to the Executive and would not be effective on the night.

The Statement of Accounts would need to be approved by the City Council before the end of June 2008 and will, therefore, be submitted to the special City Council meeting on 26 June 2008.

- Legal comments are incorporated in the report.
- Corporate not applicable.
- Risk Management not applicable.
- Equality and Disability not applicable.
- Environmental not applicable.
- Crime and Disorder not applicable.

• Impact on Customers – the schedule of dates and times of meetings for 2008/09 would be available for all customers on the Council's web site.

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DIRECTOR OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

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