

Division(s): N/A

COUNCIL – 9 December 2025

THE CALENDAR OF COUNCIL MEETINGS 2026-27

Report of the Director of Law & Governance and Monitoring Officer

RECOMMENDATION

COUNCIL IS RECOMMENDED

to note that the Chair of the Council will consult with Political Group Leaders on a proposal to bring the Council meeting originally scheduled for 7 July 2026 forwards to 30 June 2026 in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 2.1. This is in order to avoid a clash with the Local Government Association Annual Conference.

Executive Summary

1. The Annual Conference of the Local Government Association has been arranged for 7 to 9 July 2026. The Political Group Leaders, a number of cabinet members and the Chief Executive and Executive Director of Resources and S151 Officer are usually invited to attend this important conference every year. It is therefore proposed to bring the Council meeting forwards one week to Tuesday 30 June 2026.
2. As a meeting of the Education and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee was originally scheduled for 30 June 2026, officers will consult with the Chair of the committee on a proposal to bring that forwards one week to Tuesday 23 June 2026.

Alternative option

3. If the Council meeting was moved back one week to 14 July 2026, then a meeting of Cabinet which has been scheduled for that date would also have to be moved back a week. That meeting would then fall in the school holidays. It is the Council's policy to avoid meetings in the school holidays wherever possible.

Financial Implications

4. There are no direct financial implications arising from this report which is asking Council to note the process.

Comments approved by:
Kathy Wilcox, Head of Corporate Finance

Legal Implications

5. The Constitution sets out the rules relating to the timing of Council meetings:
Part 3.1 - Council Procedure Rule 2.1

“Ordinary meetings of the Council will normally take place on the:

- a) third Tuesday in February (the budget meeting);
- b) first Tuesday in April;
- c) second Tuesday in July;
- d) second Tuesday in September;
- e) first Tuesday in November
- f) second Tuesday in December each year.

In all cases, the Chair may determine otherwise after consultation with Group Leaders.”

This report is to notify Members that this consultation is to take place.

Comments approved by: Anita Bradley, Director of Law and Governance and Monitoring Officer, Anita.Bradley@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Equality and Inclusion Implications

6. In setting out the calendar of meetings, the school holidays have been avoided as far as possible as many Members have extra child-minding responsibilities during the holidays.
7. Important religious holidays for the main religions represented in the UK population have also been taken into consideration, that is Christian, Muslim, Hindu, Sikh, Buddhist and Jewish.
8. This is to ensure that meetings of the Council are inclusive.

Sustainability Implications

9. There are no direct sustainability implications arising from this report

Risk Management

10. There are no direct risk management implications arising from this report.

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Annex: None

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