

MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL	
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Report of:	Charlotte Benjamin, Director of Legal and Corporate Services (Monitoring Officer)
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Submitted to:	Council
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Date:	20 May 2026
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Title:	Council Diary 2026-2027
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Report for:	Decision
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Status:	Public
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Council Plan priority:	Delivering Best Value
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Proposed decision(s)

That Council approves:

1. The timetable of meetings for the Municipal Year 2026-2027, as detailed in the attached Appendix A.
2. With the exception of the following:
 - Budget/Council Tax Setting Meetings – Wednesday 24 February 2027 and Wednesday 10 March 2027
 - Annual Meeting – Wednesday 27 May 2027

the dates for ordinary meetings of the Council are designated as meetings at which questions will be taken from members of the public.

Executive summary

In order to schedule meetings for the Municipal Year 2026-2027, Council is requested to approve the attached timetable for Council, Executive, Overview and Scrutiny Board, Scrutiny Panels, and working groups.

1. Purpose

- 1.1 To seek approval of the timetable of meetings of Council, Executive, Overview and Scrutiny Board, Scrutiny Panels and working groups for the Municipal Year 2026-2027.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That Council approves:

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the dates for ordinary meetings of the Council are designated as meetings at which questions will be taken from members of the public.

3. Background and relevant information

- 3.1 The Constitution requires that Council approves a programme of ordinary meetings of the Council and its Non-executive Committees for the Municipal Year 2026-2027.

4. Other potential alternative(s) and why these have not been recommended

- 4.1 Do Nothing: No Council decisions would be able to be taken if there were no meetings scheduled.

5. Impact(s) of the recommended decision(s)

Topic	Impact
Financial (including Social Value)	There are no financial implications or impact on any budgets or the Medium-Term Financial Plan (MTFP) arising from the content of this report.
Procurement	Not applicable as this is a report to approve the timetable of Council meetings for the Municipal Year 2026-2027.
Legal	The dates of the meetings for the approval of the budget have been scheduled to enable to budget to be agreed by 11 March 2027, in accordance with statutory requirements.
Risk	Failure to adhere to Local Code of Corporate Governance and deliver governance improvements outlined in the Annual Governance Statement. By setting the diary of meetings for the year the Council is ensuring that good governance is in place in line with the Council's Constitution so this would have a positive impact on this risk.

	If the Council does not respond effectively and efficiently to legislative changes it could be in breach of statutory duties in relation to service delivery and fail to make the most of opportunities. The Council is obliged to hold meetings with members of the public being able to provide questions. By setting a diary of meetings this allows this to happen and has a positive impact on the Council fulfilling its statutory duties.
Human Rights, Public Sector Equality Duty and Community Cohesion	The subject of this report is not a policy, strategy, function or service that is new or being revised. It is considered that an equality impact assessment is not required.
Reducing Poverty	The subject of this report is not a policy, strategy, function or service that is new or being revised.
Climate Change / Environmental	The subject of this report is not a policy, strategy, function or service that is new or being revised.
Children and Young People Cared for by the Authority and Care Leavers	The subject of this report is not a policy, strategy, function or service that is new or being revised.
Data Protection	The subject of this report is not a policy, strategy, function or service that is new or being revised.

Appendices

1	Appendix A – Middlesbrough Council - Council and Committee Meetings 2026-2027
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Background papers

Body	Report title	Date

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