

**MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL**

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| <b>Report of:</b> | Charlotte Benjamin, Corporate Director of Legal and Corporate Services (Monitoring Officer) |
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| <b>Submitted to:</b> | Council |
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| <b>Date:</b> | 15 July 2026 |
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| <b>Title:</b> | Amendments to Council Meeting Dates 2026-2027 |
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| <b>Report for:</b> | Decision |
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| <b>Status:</b> | Public |
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| <b>Council Plan priority:</b> | Delivering Best Value |
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| Proposed decision(s) |
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That Council approves:

the amended meeting date as detailed at paragraph 3.1 of this report as follows:

- Annual Council Meeting – new date: Wednesday 26 May 2027

That Council notes:

the amended meeting date as detailed at paragraph 3.2 of this report as follows:

- Children's Scrutiny Panel – new date: Monday 30 March 2027

| Executive summary |
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At the Annual Council Meeting held on 20 May 2026, Council approved a timetable of meeting dates for the Municipal Year 2026-2027, for Council, Executive, Overview and Scrutiny Board, Scrutiny Panels, and working groups. Subsequent to the Annual Meeting, two changes to the previously agreed timetable have been proposed.

## **1. Purpose**

- 1.1 To seek approval of an amendment to the date of the next Annual Council Meeting and to note a change to the date of a meeting of the Children's Scrutiny Panel in 2027.

## **2. Recommendations**

That Council approves:

the amended meeting date as detailed at paragraph 3.1 of this report as follows:

- Annual Council Meeting – new date: Wednesday 26 May 2027

That Council notes:

the amended meeting date as detailed at paragraph 3.2 of this report as follows:

- Children's Scrutiny Panel – new date: Monday 30 March 2027

## **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. Subsequent to the approval of the programme at the Annual Council Meeting held on 20 May 2026, Council is requested to approve the following change:

Annual Council Meeting – new date: Wednesday 26 May 2027

- 3.2 Council is also requested to note the following change:

Children's Scrutiny Panel – new date: Monday 30 March 2027

- 3.3 It had been identified that the original date agreed for the Annual Council Meeting in 2027 had been scheduled for a Thursday rather than the usual Wednesday.

- 3.4 It had been identified that the original date agreed for the second March meeting of Children's Scrutiny Panel had been scheduled on a Bank Holiday.

## **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                                                                                                                                         |
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| 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. |

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| Procurement                                                           | Not applicable as this is a report to amend the timetable of Council meetings for the Municipal Year 2026-2027.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Legal                                                                 | As per Council Procedure Rule 4.8.3(b)(x) of the Constitution, the Council is required to agree a timetable of Council meetings for the Municipal Year 2026-2027.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Risk                                                                  | <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> |
| 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

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## Background papers

| Body | Report title | Date |
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