

**DRAFT PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS 2025-26**

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**1.0 INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 The Council's Standing Orders for Meetings require the Council to approve a Programme of Meetings for the Council and its Committees every year. Attached for consideration is a draft Programme of Meetings for 2025-2026.

**2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Council agree the draft Programme of Meetings for the year 2025-26.

**3.0 DETAIL**

- 3.1 Standing Order 20.1 requires that the Council approve a Programme of Meetings each year.
- 3.2 The current approved Programme of Meetings for the Council and its Committees runs until June 2025.
- 3.3 The Council is required to approve a Programme of Meetings for the period July 2025 to June 2026. Due to external factors, it has been identified that meetings of Council would be better suited taking place on a Wednesday and the attached draft Programme reflects this. Strategic Committees will generally take place on a Thursday as has been usual practice.
- 3.4 Members should be aware that due to a clash with meetings of the IJB in the months of September and November, meetings of PPSL will take place on a Tuesday in those months.
- 3.5 It should be noted that Standing Order 20.2 makes provision for the Chair of a Committee (or in whose absence the Vice- Chair) for good cause to cancel or alter the date, time or place for a meeting but not after the summons for the meeting has been issued.

**4.0 CONCLUSION**

- 4.1 The Council's Standing Orders for Meetings require the Council to approve a Programme of Meetings for the Council and its Committees. The approved Programme runs until June 2025 and the Council is invited to consider approval of a Programme of Meetings for the period July 2025 to June 2026.

## **5.0 IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 Policy - None

5.2 Financial – Members travel and subsistence costs

5.3 Legal – Requirement of Standing Order 20.1

5.4 HR - None

5.5 Fairer Scotland Duty: None

5.5.1 Equalities – None

5.5.2 Socio-economic Duty - None

5.5.3 Islands - None

5.6 Climate Change - None

5.7 Risk - None

5.8 Customer Service – None

5.9 The Rights of the Child (UNCRC) - None

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## **APPENDICES**

Appendix 1 – Draft Programme of Meetings 2025-26