

COUNCIL	DATE 24 June 2020	ITEM NO 16
TITLE Meeting scheduling July 2020	WARDS All	
CHIEF OFFICER Director of Communities and Environment	CABINET MEMBER(S) Leader of the Council	
DECISION CLASSIFICATION Non exempt report	IS THE FINAL DECISION ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THIS REPORT TO BE MADE AT THIS MEETING? Yes	

1. **Decision Required**

The Council is requested to:

- 1.1 Note that due to the on-going situation in relation to COVID-19, a full outline calendar of meetings of the Council and other Member-Level Bodies for the Municipal Year 2020/21 will be submitted to the next meeting of Council.
- 1.2 Note the remotely held meetings which have been scheduled, or which are intended to be scheduled, listed at Appendix I of the report

2. **Coronavirus and the effect on meetings**

- 2.1 The Royal Borough of Greenwich has now started to hold meetings remotely. The meetings are being recorded and displayed on the Council's YouTube channel for the press and public.
- 2.2 The process is being reviewed as the Coronavirus and lockdown situation develops over the coming months. There have been some technical issues that are being resolved.
- 2.3 The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 make provision for meetings to be held remotely where they are required to be held, or held, before 7 May 2021. The authority is permitted under Part 2 Section 4(1) to "alter the frequency, move or cancel" meetings "without requirement for further notice".

3. Cross-Cutting Issues and Implications

Issue	Implications	Sign-off
Legal including Human Rights Act	Meetings of the local authority are subject to the Coronavirus Act 2020 and related regulations.	John Scarborough, Director of Legal Services, 16 June 2020
Finance and other resources including procurement implications	There are no financial implications arising from this report.	Damon Cook, Director of Finance June 2020
Equalities	The decisions recommended through this paper have a remote or low relevance to the substance of the Equality Act. There is no apparent equality impact on end users.	Gurdeep Sehmi, Corporate Governance Manager 10 June 2020

Background Papers:

None.

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