

Title of Report:	Timetable of Council, Committee and Sub Committee Meetings January 2026 - January 2027
Committee Report Submitted To:	Corporate Policy and Resources Committee
Date of Meeting:	23 September 2025
For Decision or For Information	For Decision

Linkage to Council Strategy 2021-2025	
Strategic Theme	Cohesive Leadership
Outcome	Council operates as one effective and efficient corporate unit with a common purpose and culture.
Lead Officer	Director of Corporate Services

Estimated Timescale for Completion	
Date to be Completed	Ongoing

Budgetary Considerations	
Cost of Proposal	
Included in Current Year Estimates	YES/NO
Capital/Revenue	
Code	
Staffing Costs	

Legal Considerations	
Input of Legal Services Required	YES/NO
Legal Opinion Obtained	YES/NO

Screening Requirements	Required for new or revised Policies, Plans, Strategies or Service Delivery Proposals.		
Section 75 Screening	Screening Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
	EQIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
	Screening Completed	Yes/No	Date:

Rural Needs Assessment (RNA)	RNA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)	Screening Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
	DPIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:

1.0 **Purpose of Report**

1.1 The purpose of the report is to present the Schedule of Council, Committee and Sub Committee Meetings January 2026 – January 2027 for Council decision.

2.0 **Background**

2.1 The day and frequency of Council, Committee and Sub Committee meetings each month previously agreed, is presented as follows:

- Council Meeting – 1st Tuesday at 7pm;¹
- Land and Property Sub Committee – 1st Wednesday at 7pm;
- Environmental Service Committee – 2nd Tuesday at 7pm;
- Audit Committee – Quarterly, 3rd Wednesday at 7pm;²
- Finance Committee – 2nd Thursday at 7pm;
- Leisure and Development Committee – 3rd Tuesday at 7pm;
- Corporate Policy and Resources Committee – 4th Tuesday at 7pm;
- Planning Committee (with full Council powers) – 4th Wednesday at 10.30am;³

3.0 **Proposed Schedule of Council, Committee and Sub Committee Meetings January 2026-January 2027**

3.1 The proposed Timetable of Meetings Schedule (attached Appendix I) has been presented taking into account the Annual July recess⁴ and key public holiday periods. *Rescheduled meeting dates/times have been presented throughout for Council decision, where appropriate.*

¹ Convene a Special Council Meeting annually following the September Audit meeting (Ref AC 220309 / CM 220405).

² September Audit Committee meeting is permanently changed from Wednesday Week 2 to Wednesday Week 3 to facilitate Audit deadlines (Ref AC 220309 / CM 220405).

³ No Planning Committee meeting in December 2023 (Ref AM 230930)

⁴ Council extend its Committee meeting recess from July 2022 to include August 2022, that Council does schedule its Council Meeting and Planning Committee in August 2022 (Ref CM 211005).

4.0 Standing Order 1 'Annual and Monthly Meetings'

- 4.1 In accordance with Council's Standing Order, **1 (1)** *In every year that is not a local election year the Council shall hold an Annual Meeting in the month of June ([link to Standing Orders](#)).*
- 4.2 It is proposed that Council shall hold its Annual Meeting on **Monday 1st June 2026 at 7.00pm.**
- 4.3 In accordance with Standing Order **1(5)** *Meetings of the Council shall not take place on a Public or Bank Holiday, a Saturday or a Sunday. When the day of a meeting falls on one of these days, the meeting shall be held on the next following weekday instead.*
- 4.4 The Council Meeting in April 2026 falls on a Public Holiday, in line with Standing Orders, it is proposed that Council shall hold its meeting the following day on **Wednesday 8th April 2026 at 7.00pm.**
- 4.5 * *Note* - this will be the first occasion that Officers have proposed that Council will hold its meeting during the Easter week period, however, it had been pointed out that historically, this went against Standing Orders and the recommendation rectifies this.

5.0 Rates Setting Process and Timetable

- 5.1 At the Finance Committee meeting held 13 March 2025, adopted by Council 1st April 2025, it was agreed *that Council approve the revised Rates Setting Process and timetable for the 2026/2027 budget process as set out.* The budget setting report ([link to full report](#)) recommended there would be two Finance Committee meetings in January 2026, one dealing with regular monthly business reporting to the regular Council meeting and a second Rates Estimates Finance Committee reporting to the Rates Strike meeting. Both meetings would take place on the same evening, the Rates Estimate Finance Committee meeting occurring immediately after the regular monthly Finance Committee meeting. It is proposed that Council shall hold these meetings on **Thursday 22nd January 2026 from 7.00pm.**
- 5.2 In preparation of this report, Officers have recommended that a second evening is also held for any adjournment of the January 2026 Rates Estimate Finance Committee Meeting, it is proposed that Council shall hold **Thursday 5th February 2026 at 7.00pm** for any adjournment of the January Rates Estimate Finance Committee meeting.
- 5.3 It is proposed that Council shall hold its Rates Strike Meeting on **Thursday 12th February 2026 at 7.00pm.**

6.0 Planning Committee

- 6.1 In accordance with Council's Standing Orders, Protocol for The Operation of the Planning Committee, Annex D, 4.1, "*No meeting will take place in the month of July*". Note there was no Planning Committee meeting scheduled in December 2025, therefore there is no Planning meeting proposed to be scheduled in December 2026.

7.0 Corporate Policy and Resources Committee / Land and Property Sub Committee

- 7.1 Note Corporate, Policy and Resources Committee meetings are not scheduled during the month of December, therefore there is no Land and Property Sub Committee meeting proposed to be scheduled.

8.0 Commemoration and Celebration Sub-Committee

- 8.1 At its meeting held Tuesday 22 October 2024 the Director of Corporate Services suggested holding the Commemoration and Celebration Sub-Committee meetings on the same night as the Land and Property Sub-Committee. Subsequently these meetings are scheduled by Council as and when required, commencing at 6.00pm.

9.0 Recommendation

- 9.1 **It is recommended** that Corporate Policy and Resources Committee consider holding its Annual Meeting on **Monday 1st June 2026 at 7.00pm**; that Corporate Policy and Resources Committee consider holding its Rates Strike meeting on **Thursday 12th February 2026 at 7.00pm**; that Corporate Policy and Resources Committee consider holding its Council Meeting in April 2026 on **Wednesday 8th April 2026 at 7.00pm**; that Corporate Policy and Resources Committee further consider the Timetable of Meetings Schedule, January 2026-January 2027 attached as Appendix I.

Appendix I - Proposed Schedule of Council, Committee and Sub Committee Meetings January 2026- January 2027.

DATES OF COUNCIL, COMMITTEE AND SUB COMMITTEE MEETINGS
 April 2025-January 2026

2026	January	February	March	April	May	June			July	August	September		October	November	December	2027	January
The Council Meeting at 7PM	Previously RESOLVED Tuesday 6 th January 2026	Tuesday 3 rd	Tuesday 3 rd	Wednesday 8th (move to the following week)	Tuesday 5 th	The Annual Meeting Monday 1 st June	The Council Meeting Tuesday 2 nd June	The Council Meeting Tuesday 30 th June	Recess	Tuesday 4th	Tuesday 1st	Monday 21st Special Council Meeting (Annual Accounts)	Tuesday 6th	Tuesday 3rd	Tuesday 1st		Tuesday 5th
Land and Property Sub Committee at 7PM	Wednesday 7 th	Wednesday 4 th	Wednesday 4 th	Wednesday 1 st	Wednesday 6 th	Wednesday 3 rd					Wednesday 2nd		Wednesday 7th	Wednesday 4th	No meeting		
Environmental Services Committee Meeting at 7PM	Tuesday 13 th	Tuesday 10 th	Tuesday 10 th	Tuesday 14 th	Tuesday 12 th	Tuesday 9 th					Tuesday 8th		Tuesday 13th	Tuesday 10th	Tuesday 8th		
Finance Committee Meeting at 7PM	Thursday 22nd and following this a - Rates Estimate Finance Committee Meeting (moved from Thursday 8th to allow time for Rates report preparation)	Thursday 5th (hold for any adjournment of January Rates Estimate Finance Committee Meeting) & Rates Strike Thursday 12 th	Thursday 12 th	Thursday 16 th (move a week later from Thursday 9 th)	Thursday 14 th	Thursday 11 th					Thursday 10th		Thursday 8th	Thursday 12th	Thursday 10th		
Audit Committee Meeting at 7PM			Wednesday 18 th			Wednesday 17 th					Wednesday 16th				Wednesday 16th		
Leisure & Development Committee Meeting at 7PM	Tuesday 20 th	Tuesday 17 th	Tuesday 17 th	Tuesday 21 st	Tuesday 19 th	Tuesday 16 th					Tuesday 15th		Tuesday 20th	Tuesday 17th	Tuesday 15th		
Corporate Policy & Resources Committee Meeting at 7PM	Tuesday 27 th	Tuesday 24 th	Tuesday 24 th	Tuesday 28 th	Tuesday 26 th	Tuesday 23 rd					Tuesday 22nd		Tuesday 27th	Tuesday 24th	No meeting		
Planning Committee Meeting at 10.30AM	Wednesday 28 th	Wednesday 25 th	Wednesday 25 th	Wednesday 22 nd	Wednesday 27 th	Wednesday 24 th				Wednesday 26th	Wednesday 23rd		Wednesday 28th	Wednesday 25th	No meeting		

CC&GBC Draft Holidays 2026-2027 are not yet available, further public holidays not illustrated

Date	Bank Holiday	k/bank-holidays#northern-ireland
03/04/2026	Good Friday	
06/04/2026	Easter Monday	
07/04/2026	<i>tbc</i> CC&GBC Holiday	
04/05/2026	Early May Day	
25/05/2026	Spring Bank Holiday	
13/07/2025	Battle of the Boyne (Orangemen’s Day) (substitute day)	
DD/MM/YYYY	<i>tbc</i> CC&GBC Holiday	
31/08/2025	Summer Bank Holiday	
DD/MM/YYYY	<i>tbc</i> CC&GBC Extra day at Christmas	
25/12/2026	Christmas Day	
26/12/2026	Boxing Day	
01/01/2027	New Year’s Day	
17/03/2027	St. Patrick’s Day	