

THE ASSEMBLY
3 MARCH 2004
REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE STRATEGY

CALENDAR OF MEETINGS	FOR DECISION
<p data-bbox="183 443 1348 548"><i>The Constitution (Article 1, Paragraph 5) requires the Assembly to approve the draft Calendar for the coming year at least two months prior to the beginning of the new Municipal Year (May 2004).</i></p> <p data-bbox="183 577 327 616">Summary</p> <p data-bbox="183 638 1396 705">To approve, subject to any amendments, the draft Calendar of Meetings for the coming Municipal Year as considered by the Executive on 24 February 2004. In so doing, to:-</p> <ul data-bbox="183 728 1396 1870" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="183 728 1396 806">• Reaffirm the basis of the Calendar, the following principles around which have previously been set by the Assembly;<ul data-bbox="247 828 1396 1355" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="247 828 1396 907">➤ No meeting on Thursday evenings or all day Friday (other than Ceremonial Council);<li data-bbox="247 929 1396 974">➤ Mondays reserved for Community Forums;<li data-bbox="247 996 1396 1075">➤ Tuesdays reserved for the Executive and Regulatory and General Matters Board;<li data-bbox="247 1097 1396 1176">➤ Alternate Tuesdays/Wednesdays reserved for the Development Control Board;<li data-bbox="247 1198 1396 1276">➤ Wednesdays reserved for the Assembly and the Scrutiny Management Board;<li data-bbox="247 1299 1396 1355">➤ Two provisional dates earmarked for the Executive in August.<li data-bbox="183 1377 1396 1556">• Note that, as a result of a review of the appropriate Regulations, it is necessary for the Assembly to sign off the Council's Annual Statement of Accounts as opposed to the Executive, the deadline for which this year is 31 August 2004. For those reasons the meeting of the Assembly in September has been brought forward to 25 August 2004;<li data-bbox="183 1579 1396 1769">• Note that ongoing Member Training will continue to be scheduled on a monthly basis, together with regular Departmental and Chief Executive briefings for all Members. However, Departmental "open days" are being discontinued as generally Members do not favour them. They will, however, be reconsidered in Borough election years;<li data-bbox="183 1792 1396 1870">• Note that meetings for Community Housing Partnerships have been scheduled to avoid clashes with corresponding Forums;	

- Note that the programme continues to include a monthly provisional meeting of the Regulatory and General Matters Board. The introduction of the Licensing Act 2003 has transferred many of the licensing functions from the Magistrates Courts to Local Authorities. Therefore, the Executive will consider how these functions are to be dealt with at a Member level at some later date, which may or may not affect the make up and/or frequency of the RGM Board;
- Note that pre-Assembly meetings are now programmed in the Diary.

Recommendation

To consider and approve the content of the draft Calendar circulated separately, subject to any required changes.

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