

REPORT TO: East Lothian Council

MEETING DATE: 29 April 2025

BY: Executive Director for Council Resources

SUBJECT: Schedule of Meetings 2025/26

1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To set the Schedule of Meetings of the Council, committees and other forums for 2025/26.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The Council is recommended:
- i. to approve the proposed Schedule of Meetings for 2025/26; and
 - ii. to authorise the Head of Corporate Support to make minor adjustments to the schedule, as necessary, and to communicate any such adjustments to Members as soon as practicable.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The annual Schedule of Meetings for 2025/26 is presented to Members for approval. There are approximately 120 committee meetings scheduled for 2025/26, and the schedule largely follows the pattern set in recent years.
- 3.2 Members should note that the Integration Joint Board (IJB) sets its own dates (including those for the IJB Audit & Risk Committee). The dates for these meetings have already been approved by the IJB.
- 3.3 Members should also note that the date for the budget-setting meeting will be confirmed in due course (a potential date for this meeting is noted on the schedule but is subject to change).
- 3.4 A number of dates have been included for Members' briefings. Members will be advised of the topics during the course of the session. Unless otherwise advised, Members' briefings will continue to take place via MS Teams.

3.5 Meetings taking place in the Council Chamber will be held via Public-i's Hybrid Link system, which allows for physical or remote participation. These meetings (with the exception of private business) will be webcast live, and the recordings will be available for five years following the meeting date. Any changes to meeting venues/format will be communicated as soon as possible.

3.6 Members are asked to authorise the Head of Corporate Support to make minor adjustments to the schedule, as necessary, to ensure business is conducted in a timely manner, and these will be communicated to Members as soon as practicable.

4 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 None

5 INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT

5.1 The subject of this report does not affect the wellbeing of the community or have a significant impact on equality, the environment or economy.

6 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Financial - None

6.2 Personnel - None

6.3 Other - None

7 BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 East Lothian Council Standing Orders

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**East Lothian Council
Draft Schedule of Meetings 2025/26**

Day	Date	Time	Committee/Meeting	Venue
Tues	19 August 2025	10.00	Planning Committee	CC
Thurs	21 August 2025	14.00	Local Review Body (Planning)	CC
Tues	26 August 2025	10.00	East Lothian Council	CC
Thurs	28 August 2025	10.00 14.00	East Lothian Licensing Board Dunbar Common Good Committee	CC Teams
Tues	2 September 2025	10.00	Planning Committee	CC
Thurs	4 September 2025	10.00 14.00	Employee Appeals Sub-Committee North Berwick Common Good Committee	CC Teams
Tues	9 September 2025	10.00 14.00	Cabinet Members' Briefing	CC Teams
Wed	10 September 2025	14.00	Joint Consultative Committee	CC
Thurs	11 September 2025	10.00 14.00	Homelessness Appeals Sub-Committee Licensing Sub-Committee	tbc CC
Tues	16 September 2025	10.00	Audit & Governance Committee	CC
Thurs	18 September 2025	10.00 14.00	Policy & Performance Review Committee Local Review Body (Planning)	CC CC
Tues	23 September 2025	14.00	IJB Audit & Risk Committee	Teams
Thurs	25 September 2025	10.00 14.00	East Lothian Licensing Board East Lothian Integration Joint Board	CC Teams
Tues	30 September 2025	10.00 14.00	Musselburgh Common Good Committee Haddington Common Good Committee	Teams Teams
Thurs	2 October 2025	10.00	Employee Appeals Sub-Committee	CC
Tues	7 October 2025	10.00	Planning Committee	CC
Thurs	9 October 2025	14.00	Licensing Sub-Committee	CC
Autumn Recess: Friday 10 October – Monday 20 October 2025				
Tues	21 October 2025	14.00	Members' Briefing	Teams
Wed	22 October 2025	10.00	Petitions & Community Empowerment Review Committee	CC
Thurs	23 October 2025	14.00	Local Review Body (Planning)	CC
Tues	28 October 2025	10.00	East Lothian Council	CC
Thurs	30 October 2025	10.00 14.00	East Lothian Licensing Board East Lothian Integration Joint Board	CC Teams
Tues	4 November 2025	10.00	Planning Committee	CC
Thurs	6 November 2025	10.00	Employee Appeals Sub-Committee	CC
Tues	11 November 2025	10.00 14.00	Cabinet Members' Briefing	CC Teams
Thurs	13 November 2025	14.00	Licensing Sub-Committee	CC

Tues	18 November 2025	10.00	Education & Children's Services Committee	CC
Thurs	20 November 2025	14.00	Local Review Body (Planning)	CC
Tues	25 November 2025	10.00	Audit & Governance Committee	CC
Thurs	27 November 2025	10.00 14.00	East Lothian Licensing Board Homelessness Appeals Sub-Committee	CC tbc
Tues	2 December 2025	10.00 15.00	Planning Committee IJB Audit & Risk Committee	CC Teams
Wed	3 December 2025	14.00	Joint Consultative Committee	CC
Thurs	4 December 2025	10.00 14.00	Employee Appeals Sub-Committee North Berwick Common Good Committee	CC Teams
Tues	9 December 2025	10.00	East Lothian Council	CC
Thurs	11 December 2025	10.00 14.00	Dunbar Common Good Committee Licensing Sub-Committee	Teams CC
Tues	16 December 2025	10.00 14.00	Musselburgh Common Good Committee Haddington Common Good Committee	Teams Teams
Thurs	18 December 2025	14.00	East Lothian Integration Joint Board	Teams
Winter Recess: Friday 19 December 2025 – Friday 2 January 2026				
Tues	13 January 2026	10.00	Planning Committee	CC
Wed	14 January 2026	10.00	Police, Fire & Community Safety Scrutiny Committee	CC
Thurs	15 January 2026	10.00 14.00	Policy & Performance Review Committee Licensing Sub-Committee	CC CC
Tues	20 January 2026	10.00 14.00	Cabinet Members' Briefing	CC Teams
Thurs	22 January 2026	14.00	Local Review Body (Planning)	CC
Tues	27 January 2026	10.00	Haddington Common Good Committee	Teams
Thurs	29 January 2026	10.00	East Lothian Licensing Board	CC
Tues	3 February 2026	10.00	Planning Committee	CC
Thurs	5 February 2026	10.00	Employee Appeals Sub-Committee	CC
Tues	10 February 2026	10.00 14.00	Musselburgh Common Good Committee Members' Briefing	Teams Teams
Wed	11 February 2026	10.00	Petitions & Community Empowerment Review Committee	CC
Thurs	12 February 2026	10.00 14.00	Homelessness Appeals Sub-Committee Licensing Sub-Committee	tbc CC
Tues	17 February 2026	(10.00)	(Special East Lothian Council – Budget?)	(CC)
Thurs	19 February 2026	14.00	Local Review Body (Planning)	CC
Tues	24 February 2026	10.00	East Lothian Council	CC
Thurs	26 February 2026	10.00	East Lothian Licensing Board	CC

		14.00	East Lothian Integration Joint Board	Teams
Tues	3 March 2026	10.00	Planning Committee	CC
Wed	4 March 2026	14.00	Joint Consultative Committee	CC
Thurs	5 March 2026	10.00 14.00	Employee Appeals Sub-Committee North Berwick Common Good Committee	CC Teams
Tues	10 March 2026	10.00 14.00	Cabinet Members' Briefing	CC Teams
Thurs	12 March 2026	10.00 14.00	Dunbar Common Good Committee Licensing Sub-Committee	Teams CC
Tues	17 March 2026	10.00 14.00	Education & Children's Services Committee IJB Audit & Risk Committee	CC Teams
Thurs	19 March 2026	14.00	Local Review Body (Planning)	CC
Tues	24 March 2026	10.00	Audit & Governance Committee	CC
Thurs	26 March 2026	10.00 14.00	East Lothian Licensing Board East Lothian Integration Joint Board	CC Teams
Tues	31 March 2026	10.00	Planning Committee	CC
Thurs	2 April 2026	10.00 14.00	Policy & Performance Review Committee Homelessness Appeals Sub-Committee	CC tbc
Spring Recess: Thursday 2 April to Monday 20 April 2026				
Thurs	23 April 2026	14.00	Local Review Body (Planning)	CC
Tues	28 April 2026	10.00	East Lothian Council	CC
Thurs	30 April 2026	10.00	East Lothian Licensing Board	CC
Tues	5 May 2026	10.00	Planning Committee	CC
Wed	6 May 2026	10.00	Employee Appeals Sub-Committee	CC
Tues	12 May 2026	10.00 14.00	Cabinet Members' Briefing	CC Teams
Wed	13 May 2026	10.00	Petitions & Community Empowerment Review Committee	CC
Thurs	14 May 2026	10.00 14.00	North Berwick Common Good Committee Licensing Sub-Committee	Teams CC
Tues	19 May 2026	10.00 14.00	Musselburgh Common Good Committee Haddington Common Good Committee	Teams Teams
Thurs	21 May 2026	14.00	Local Review Body (Planning)	CC
Mon	25 May 2026		(Education Appeals)	
Tue	26 May 2026		(Education Appeals)	
Wed	27 May 2026		(Education Appeals)	
Thurs	28 May 2026	10.00 14.00	East Lothian Licensing Board East Lothian Integration Joint Board	CC Teams
Fri	29 May 2026		(Education Appeals)	
Mon	1 June 2026		(Education Appeals)	

Tue	2 June 2026	10.00	Planning Committee	CC
Wed	3 June 2026	14.00	Joint Consultative Committee	CC
Thurs	4 June 2026	10.00	Homelessness Appeals Sub-Committee	tbc
		14.00	Dunbar Common Good Committee	Teams
Tue	9 June 2026	10.00	Education & Children's Services Committee	CC
		14.00	IJB Audit & Risk Committee	Teams
Thurs	11 June 2026	10.00	Policy & Performance Review Committee	CC
		14.00	Licensing Sub-Committee	CC
Tue	16 June 2026	10.00	Audit & Governance Committee	CC
		14.00	Members' Briefing	Teams
Wed	17 June 2026	10.00	Police, Fire & Community Safety Scrutiny Committee	CC
Thurs	18 June 2026	14.00	Local Review Body (Planning)	CC
Tue	23 June 2026	10.00	East Lothian Council	CC
Wed	24 June 2026	10.00	Planning Committee	CC
Thurs	25 June 2026	10.00	East Lothian Licensing Board	CC
		14.00	East Lothian Integration Joint Board	Teams

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