

<b>COMMITTEE:</b>	East Lothian Council
<b>MEETING DATE:</b>	28 April 2026
<b>BY:</b>	Depute Chief Executive – Resources and Economy
<b>REPORT TITLE:</b>	Schedule of Meetings 2026/27
<b>REPORT STATUS:</b>	Public

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## **1 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To set the Schedule of Meetings of the Council, committees and other forums for 2026/27.

## **2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

Members are recommended to:

- 2.1 approve the proposed Schedule of Meetings for 2026/27, as set out in Appendix 1; and
- 2.2 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 2026/27 is presented to Members for approval. There are approximately 90 committee meetings scheduled for 2026/27, and the schedule largely follows the pattern set in recent years.
- 3.2 As 2027 is a Local Government Election year, the Council will go into election recess at the end of March 2027. In accordance with the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, the first meeting of the newly elected Council must be held within 21 days of the date of the election. This meeting has been scheduled for 25 May 2027. A proposed schedule of

meetings for the remainder of May and June 2027 will be brought forward at a later date.

- 3.3 Members should note that the East Lothian 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.
- 3.4 Members should also note that there will be one meeting of the Council in February 2027 and two meetings in March 2027. The February 2027 meeting will be to set the Council's budget. The meeting on 9 March 2027 will deal with any business needed to be heard before the pre-election period begins and the meeting on 30 March will deal with regular business.
- 3.5 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.
- 3.6 Meetings taking place in the Council Chamber will be held via the 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 to Members.
- 3.7 Members are asked to authorise the Head of Corporate Support to make any minor adjustments to the Schedule, as necessary, to ensure business is conducted in a timely manner, and any such adjustments will be communicated to Members as soon as practicable.

#### **4 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 None

#### **5 RESOURCE AND OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 Finance: None
- 5.2 Human Resources: None
- 5.3 Other (e.g. Legal/IT): None
- 5.4 Risk: None

## 6 INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT

### 6.1 **Select the statement that is appropriate to your report by placing an 'X' in the relevant box.**

An Integrated Impact Assessment screening process has been undertaken and the subject of this report does not affect the wellbeing of the community or have a significant impact on: equality and human rights; tackling socio-economic disadvantages and poverty; climate change, the environment and sustainability; the Council's role as a corporate parent; or the storage/collection of personal data.

**or**

The subject of this report has been through the Integrated Impact Assessment process and impacts have been identified as follows:

Subject	Impacts identified (Yes, No or N/A)
Equality and human rights	
Socio-economic disadvantage/poverty	
Climate change, the environment and sustainability	
Corporate parenting and care-experienced young people	
Storage/collection of personal data	
Other	

*[Enter information on impacts that have been identified]*

The Integrated Impact Assessment relating to this report has been published and can be accessed via the Council's website:

[https://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/info/210602/equality\\_and\\_diversity/12014/integrated\\_impact\\_assessments](https://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/info/210602/equality_and_diversity/12014/integrated_impact_assessments)

## 7 APPENDICES

### 7.1 Appendix 1 – Draft Schedule of Meetings 2026/27

## 8 BACKGROUND PAPERS

### 8.1 East Lothian Council Standing Orders

## 9 AUTHOR AND APPROVAL DETAILS

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### Head of Service Approval

<b>Name</b>	Hayley Barnett
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<b>Confirmation that IIA and other relevant checks (e.g. finance/legal) have been completed</b>	Confirmed
<b>Approval Date</b>	2 April 2026

**East Lothian Council  
Draft Schedule of Meetings 2026/27**

<b>Day</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Committee/Meeting</b>	<b>Venue</b>
Tues	18 August 2026	10.00	Planning Committee	CC
Thurs	20 August 2026	14.00	Local Review Body (Planning)	CC
Tues	25 August 2026	10.00	East Lothian Council	CC
Thurs	27 August 2026	10.00	East Lothian Licensing Board	CC
		14.00	East Lothian Integration Joint Board	Teams
Tues	1 September 2026	10.00	Planning Committee	CC
Thurs	3 September 2026	10.00	Employee Appeals Committee	CC
Tues	8 September 2026	10.00	Cabinet	CC
Wed	9 September 2026	14.00	Joint Consultative Committee	CC
Thurs	10 September 2026	10.00	Homelessness Appeals Sub-Committee	tbc
		14.00	Licensing Sub Committee	CC
Tues	15 September 2026	14.00	IJB Audit and Risk Committee	Teams
Thurs	17 September 2026	10.00	Policy and Performance Review Committee	CC
		14.00	Local Review Body (Planning)	CC
Tues	22 September 2026	10.00	Common Good Committee	CC
		14.00	Members' Briefing	Teams
Thurs	24 September 2026	10.00	East Lothian Licensing Board	CC
		14.00	East Lothian Integration Joint Board	Teams
Tues	29 September 2026	10.00	Audit and Governance Committee	CC
Thurs	1 October 2026	10.00	Employee Appeals Sub-Committee	CC
Tues	6 October 2026	10.00	Planning Committee	CC
Thurs	8 October 2026	14.00	Licensing Sub-Committee	CC
Autumn Recess: Friday 9 October – Monday 19 October 2026				
Tues	20 October 2026	14.00	Members' Briefing	Teams
Wed	21 October 2026	10.00	Petitions and Community Empowerment Review Committee	CC
Thurs	22 October 2026	14.00	Local Review Body (Planning)	CC
Tues	27 October 2026	10.00	East Lothian Council	CC
Thurs	29 October 2026	10.00	East Lothian Licensing Board	CC
		14.00	East Lothian Integration Joint Board	Teams
Tues	3 November 2026	10.00	Planning Committee	CC
Thurs	5 November 2026	10.00	Employee Appeals Sub Committee	CC
Tues	10 November 2026	10.00	Cabinet	CC
		14.00	Common Good Committee	CC
Thurs	12 November 2026	10.00	Homelessness Appeals Sub Committee	tbc
		14.00	Licensing Sub Committee	CC
Tues	17 November 2026	10.00	Audit and Governance Committee	CC
		14.00	Members' Briefing	Teams
Thurs	19 November 2026	14.00	Local Review Body (Planning)	CC

Tues	24 November 2026	10.00	Education and Children's Services Committee	CC
Thurs	26 November 2026	10.00	East Lothian Licensing Board	CC
Tues	1 December 2026	10.00 15.00	Planning Committee IJB Audit and Risk Committee	CC Teams
Wed	2 December 2026	14.00	Joint Consultative Committee	CC
Thurs	3 December 2026	10.00	Employee Appeals Sub-Committee	CC
Tues	8 December 2026	10.00	East Lothian Council	CC
Thurs	10 December 2026	14.00	Licensing Sub-Committee	CC
Thurs	17 December 2026	14.00	East Lothian Integration Joint Board	Teams
Winter Recess: Friday 18 December 2026 – Monday 4 January 2027				
Tues	12 January 2027	10.00 14.00	Planning Committee Common Good Committee	CC CC
Wed	13 January 2027	10.00	Police, Fire and Community Safety Scrutiny Committee	CC
Thurs	14 January 2027	10.00 14.00	Homelessness Appeals Sub Committee Licensing Sub Committee	tbc CC
Tues	19 January 2027	10.00 14.00	Cabinet Members briefing	CC Teams
Thurs	21 January 2027	10.00 14.00	Policy and Performance Review Committee Local Review Body (Planning)	CC CC
Thurs	28 January 2027	10.00	East Lothian Licensing Board	CC
Tues	2 February 2027	10.00	Planning Committee	CC
Thurs	4 February 2027	10.00	Employee Appeals Sub Committee	CC
Wed	10 February 2027	10.00	Petitions and Community Empowerment Review Committee	CC
Thurs	11 February 2027	14.00	Licensing Sub-Committee	CC
Tues	16 February 2027	14.00	East Lothian Council (Budget)	CC
Thurs	18 February 2027	14.00	Local Review Body (Planning)	CC
Tues	23 February 2027	10.00	Members' Briefing	Teams
Thurs	25 February 2027	10.00 14.00	East Lothian Licensing Board East Lothian Integration Joint Board	CC Teams
Tues	2 March 2027	10.00	Planning Committee	CC
Wed	3 March 2027	14.00	Joint Consultative Committee	CC
Thurs	4 March 2027	10.00 10.00	Audit and Governance Committee Employee Appeals Sub-Committee	CC CC
Tues	9 March 2027	10.00 14.00	East Lothian Council IJB Audit and Risk Committee	CC Teams
Thurs	11 March 2027	10.00 14.00	Homelessness Appeals Sub Committee Licensing Sub-Committee	 CC
Tues	16 March 2027	10.00 14.00	Education and Children's Services Committee Common Good Committee	CC CC
Thurs	18 March 2027	10.00	Policy and Performance Review Committee	CC

		14.00	Local Review Body (Planning)	CC
Tues	23 March 2027	10.00 14.00	Planning Committee Members Briefing	CC Teams
Thurs	25 March 2027	10.00 14.00	East Lothian Licensing Board East Lothian Integration Joint Board	CC Teams
Tues	30 March 2027	10.00	East Lothian Council	CC
Election Recess: Wednesday 31 March to Monday 24 May 2027				
Tues	25 May 2027	10.00	East Lothian Council	CC

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