

South Ayrshire Council

**Report by Chief Governance Officer
to South Ayrshire Council
of 25 June 2026**

Subject: Schedule of Meetings

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to submit for approval an amended timetable of meetings for April 2027.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Council approves the amended timetable of Council and Panel meetings for April 2027 as detailed in Appendix 1.**

3. Background

- 3.1 The next Local Government Election is scheduled to take place on 6 May 2027. The final Council meeting – for approval of minutes – was scheduled to take place on 29 April 2027, however, due to the County Hall being utilised for postal votes, this meeting will require to be brought forward.

4. Proposals

- 4.1 The Council is asked to consider for approval the proposed timetable of meetings contained in Appendix 1. This has been prepared in accordance with the current Scheme of Delegation; and the next Local Government Election scheduled to take place on 6 May 2027.

5. Legal and Procurement Implications

- 5.1 The contents of this report are in compliance with the provision of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, as amended.

- 5.2 There are no procurement implications arising from this report.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1 Minimal costs for attending meetings, etc, can be met from existing budget.

7. Human Resources Implications

- 7.1 Not applicable.

8. Risk

8.1 *Risk Implications of Adopting the Recommendations*

8.1.1 There are no risks associated with adopting the recommendations.

8.2 *Risk Implications of Rejecting the Recommendations*

8.2.1 In the absence of an amended timetable, the Council will be unable to webcast its meetings.

9. Integrated Impact Assessment (incorporating Equalities)

9.1 The proposals in this report do not require to be assessed through an Integrated Impact Assessment.

10. Sustainable Development Implications

10.1 ***Considering Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)*** - This report does not propose or seek approval for a plan, policy, programme or strategy or document otherwise described which could be considered to constitute a plan, programme, policy or strategy.

11. Options Appraisal

11.1 An options appraisal has not been carried out in relation to the subject matter of this report.

12. Link to Council Plan

12.1 The matters referred to in this report contribute to Priority 4 of the Council Plan: Efficient and effective enabling services.

13. Link to Shaping Our Future Council Yes No

13.1 Not applicable.

14. Results of Consultation

14.1 There has been no public consultation on the contents of this report.

14.2 Consultation has taken place with Councillor Brian Connolly, Policy Lead for Economy and Strategy and the contents of this report reflect any feedback provided.

15. Next Steps for Decision Tracking Purposes

15.1 If the recommendations above are approved by Members, the Chief Governance Officer will ensure that all necessary steps are taken to ensure full implementation of the decision within the following timescales, with the completion status reported to the Cabinet in the 'Council and Cabinet Decision Log' at each of its meetings until such time as the decision is fully implemented:

Implementation	Due date	Managed by
Publish the amended meeting timetable	3 July 2026	Service Lead – Democratic Governance

Background Papers [Scheme of Delegation](#)

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Proposed Amended Schedule of Meetings – April 2027

2027			
Recess - Schools close on Thursday 25 March 2027 and re-open on Monday 12 April 2027			
Friday 26 March 2027 – Public Holiday Monday 29 March 2027 – Public Holiday			
Week 4			
Tuesday 13 April	10.00 am	Service and Partnerships Performance Panel	
Wednesday 14 April	10.00 am	Licensing Board	
Thursday 15 April	10.00 am	Regulatory Panel - Licensing	
Week 5			
Tuesday 20 April	2.00 pm	Local Review Body	
Wednesday 21 April	9.30 am	Licensing Board (for approval of minutes only)	
Wednesday 21 April	10.00 am	Regulatory Panel - Planning	
Thursday 22 April	10.00 am	South Ayrshire Council (for approval of minutes only)	
Monday 3 May 2027 – Public Holiday			
Thursday 6 May 2027 - Local Government Election			