

MEETING	Democracy Services Committee
DATE	24 February 2026
SUBJECT	Committees Calendar 2026/27
PURPOSE	To recommend the Committees Calendar for 2026/27 for adoption by the Full Council
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1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The calendar of the Council's committee dates for 2026/27 is submitted for your consideration prior to being submitted to the Full Council on 5 March 2026.
- 1.2 The Calendar assists the Council, its Members and the public to plan ahead for the dates and times of the Council's principal meetings.
- 1.3 Note that these are the dates we have currently scheduled, but situations can arise where additional meetings may need to be arranged in order to carry out Council business.
- 1.4 While every effort is made to avoid holding meetings during school holidays, this is not possible on all occasions if the continuation of Council service is to be ensured.
- 1.5 Please note that this year there is a particular challenge in drawing up the meetings calendar. The traditional committees cycle starts a week later than usual because of the Welsh Government elections. In addition, we are aware that there will again be a 'pre-election period' at the end of 2026/27 before the Local Government elections in May 2027. We have attempted to keep an eye on that by condensing some of the committees to a shorter period, i.e. within 10 months. Scrutiny meetings were considered, attempting to hold them earlier in the committee's cycle to ensure that the work that can be carried out is not affected.
- 1.6 Relevant officers and Eryri National Park Authority were consulted regarding the draft version of the committee's calendar to ensure, as far as practicable, that there are no clashes with other meetings. In addition, we have sought to ensure that there is no clash with the dates of regional meetings such as the North Wales Corporate Joint Committee meetings, although not all dates for 2026/27 are known yet. It should also be borne in mind that there are now more regional meetings of the North Wales Joint Corporate Committee.

- 1.6 The Fire Authority was also consulted, and adjustments have been made to some dates in order to try to avoid date clashes. Unfortunately, we were not able to adjust every date, and there are clashes on two dates which affect the Planning Committee
- 1.7 We have continued to set a date for the Members' Briefing session every month as well as a monthly Training Day, so that Councillors are given adequate notice of the dates. The new arrangement seems to have worked over the past year, with work to identify and prioritise training sessions taking place constantly. I would like to draw your attention to the fact that there is no briefing or training session scheduled for May, this is due to the need to prioritise committees within a very short period of time. We will make every effort to try to arrange the Briefings or Training sessions on those dates where possible, noting that there is a possibility of having to change to other dates should key training providers or officers not be available.

2.0 COMMITTEES CALENDAR 2026/27

- 2.1 Please see the appendix for the dates of Council Meetings in 2026/27.

3. RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 The Democracy Services Committee is requested to recommend that the Full Council adopts the Committees Calendar for 2026/27.