Report of the Secretary to the Black Country Executive Joint Committee on Wednesday 18 June 2025

Schedule of Meetings 2025/26

Key Decision: No Forward Plan: Yes

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This report sets out the Forward Plan publication dates for 2025/26 and reminds the Black Country Joint Committee regarding meetings for municipal year.

2. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Black Country Executive Joint Committee (BCJC) is requested to:

- 2.1 Note the Forward Plan publication dates for 2025/26 as set out in **Appendix A** of the report.
- 2.4 Note that the Black Country Executive Joint Committee will no longer have a 12 month schedule of meetings but will meet in June each year and also any other time requested by its Members subject to the provisions in the Constitution.

3. REPORT DETAIL

- 3.1 **Forward Plan publication dates for 2025/26.** The draft timetable for publication of the Forward Plan is recommended for approval and attached as Appendix A. This is in line with the Access to Information rules.
- 3.3 Schedule of Meetings 2025/26. The Black Country Joint Committee is reminded that Members agreed at its AGM in June 2024 that the Committee would no longer have a 12 month schedule of meetings but would still meet at least once a year to enable LEP Legacy funding streams to be reported and monitored over the next few years.
- 3.4 Delegations have been given to the Section 151 Officers of the Black Country Local Authorities to make any small changes to ensure that programmes are completed and tfull BCJC meetings are therefore not required. Additional BCJC meetings can be called when required and there is provision within the BCJC Constitution for this purpose.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no legal implications associated with this report.

6. RISK MANAGEMENT

There are no Risk implications associated with this report.

7. EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

There are no Equality implications associated with this report.

8. CONSULTATION

Information has been shared through previous approval reports to the Black Country Executive Joint Committee and with the Local Authority Chief Executives through the Association of Black Country Authorities meeting.

Background papers

• BCJC Report 24 January 2024 – review of the Black Country Executive Joint Committee Governance

Attachments

Appendix A – BCJC Forward Plan Publication Dates 2025/26

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