

**Decision Maker:**       **COUNCIL**

**Date:**                   **Monday 18 October 2021**

**Decision Type:**       Non-Urgent                   Non-Executive                   Non-Key

**Title:**                   **COUNCILLOR ATTENDANCE 2020/21**

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**Chief Officer:**        Ade Adetosoye OBE, Chief Executive

**Ward:**                   All

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1. Reason for report

1. At its meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2009, the Council agreed that details of Councillor attendance at meetings be published at the end of each Council year. The data for 2020/21 has now been collated and is set out in this report set out in this report. The data covers formal meetings of the Council, the Executive, Committees and Sub-Committees, plus various other meetings where appropriate, including executive and non-executive working groups.

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2. **RECOMMENDATION)**

**Council is asked to note the Councillor attendance data for meetings in the 2020/21 Council year.**

Impact on Vulnerable Adults and Children

1. Summary of Impact: Not Applicable
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Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: Existing Policy
  2. BBB Priority: Excellent Council :
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Financial

1. Cost of proposal: No Cost
  2. Ongoing costs: Not Applicable
  3. Budget head/performance centre: Democratic Representation
  4. Total current budget for this head: Not Applicable
  5. Source of funding: 2020/21 revenue budget
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Personnel

1. Number of staff (current and additional): Not Applicable
  2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours: Not Applicable
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Legal

1. Legal Requirement: None:
  2. Call-in: Not Applicable: Council decisions are not subject to call-in
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Procurement

1. Summary of Procurement Implications: Not Applicable
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Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected): Not Applicable
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Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? Yes
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments: Not Applicable

### 3. COMMENTARY

3.1 The Constitution Improvement Working Group in its third report, presented to full Council on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2009, recommended that information about Councillor attendance at meetings should be recorded and published annually. This information has always been available through the published minutes of meetings, but had not previously been brought together in one document. The following recommendation was adopted by Council -

*“That attendance information be routinely collected and that it be published annually at the end of the Municipal Year including details of apologies for absence and the appointment of substitutes.”*

3.2 The meetings covered are listed in appendix A; these are all Council, Committee, Sub-Committee and Executive/Portfolio Holder meetings during the Council year 2020/21 plus a variety of other meetings. During this year, all meetings were required to be held online. A schedule covering attendance of individual Members is attached as appendix B.

3.3 The attendance data presented in this report does not purport to reflect all the variety of work that Councillors carry out. The data in appendix B does not include attendance at a variety of more informal meetings, pre-meetings and callovers, partnership meetings, official engagements carried out by the Mayor and Deputy Mayor, or any of the wide range of ward-related activities and case-work carried out by Councillors throughout the year.

<b>Non-Applicable Sections:</b>	Impact on Vulnerable Adults and Children/Policy/ Financial/Personnel/Legal/Procurement
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	Minutes of meetings held during 2020/21

## Appendix A

Meeting Name	Number of Meetings in 2019/20	Number of meetings in 2020/21
<b>Council, Committees &amp; Sub-Committees</b>		
Council	6	6
General Purposes & Licensing	6	7
Appeals Sub-Committee	5	2
Audit Sub-Committee	3	3
Licensing Sub-Committee	6	4
Local Joint Consultative Committee	1	1
Pensions Committee	7	5
Development Control Committee	6	8
Plans Sub-Committees (x4)	24	25
Standards Committee	3	2
Urgency Committee	3	0
<b>PDS Committees and Sub-Committees</b>		
Adult Care & Health PDS Committee	5	5
Children, Education & Families PDS Committee	5	4
Environment & Community PDS Committee	4	5
Executive, Resources & Contracts PDS Committee	8	10
Public Protection & Enforcement PDS Committee	4	3
Renewal, Recreation & Housing PDS Committee	6	7
CEF Budget & PM Sub-Committee	0	1
Health Scrutiny Sub-Committee	3	4
OHSEL Joint Scrutiny Committee	2	2
<b>Executive meetings</b>		
Executive	9	5
<b>Other Meetings</b>		
Health & Wellbeing Board	5	5
SACRE	3	2
Bromley Economic Partnership	4	3
Safer Bromley Partnership	3	1
Chief Executive Remuneration Panel	1	1
Foster Panel	18	13
<b>PDS Working Groups</b>		
School Places WG	1	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>134</b>

