

Report to Governance Committee

26 June 2023

Report of Member Attendance April 2022 to March 2023

Report by Director of Law and Assurance

Electoral divisions: N/A

Summary

The Governance Committee is required to monitor attendance of members at meetings of the County Council and its committees annually.

Recommendation

That members' attendance at meetings for the period 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023 be noted.

1. The Governance Committee is required to monitor attendance of members at County Council, committee and other meetings annually. A schedule showing attendance for the period 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023 is set out at Appendix 1.
2. The role of the modern councillor is not primarily to attend meetings. Members have other commitments which are difficult to record and not reflected in these figures, such as membership of outside bodies, school governorships and constituency work. In addition, attendance at meetings does not take into account members' work outside formal meetings. Attendance figures can also be affected by factors such as long-term ill health or a clash of commitments.
3. Group Leaders are advised of member attendance figures annually so that they can take any action they consider necessary. The member attendance figures are published regularly on the County Council's website.

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Appendix – Member Attendance: April 2022 to March 2023

Background papers

None