

CBC would like to thank the ExA for the opportunity to comment upon the Examination Timetable and Procedure and wishes to make 2 specific points:

- CBC has local elections on Thursday 2nd May 2024, followed by the Count on Friday 3rd May, both of which staff are requested to support. It would therefore be extremely helpful for advanced notice of the topics for discussion for any ISHs on these dates so appropriate resources and cover can be made available for both commitments.
- CBC appreciate early sight of the agenda topics proposed for the ISHs in late February/early March, however note that the scope of the topics listed for discussion is still very wide. It would be extremely helpful to receive any supplementary agenda on the topics as soon as possible in advance of the ISH to facilitate more focussed preparation. CBC appreciate the commitment the ExA has made to publish a more detailed note 5 days prior to the ISH. CBC notes the advice in Annex E of the Rule 6 letter that the main focus of the ISH 1-5 is on matters the ExA wish to address primarily to the Applicant, but also notes the host authorities, and CBC specifically for ISH 2, have been invited to take part so a more detailed note would be very helpful to clarify the role of the council at these Hearings.