

Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council

To: Corporate, Policy and Resources Committee

Set Rate Strike Meeting

Date 15/09/15

For Decision

1.0 Reporting to Committee

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| Linkage to Corporate Plan | |
| Strategic Priority | Compliance with DoE Regulation |
| Objective | Rates Setting |
| Lead Officer | David Wright |
| Cost: (If applicable) | |

1.1 Background

Department of the Environment (DoE) requires Council to specify a meeting at which the rate will be struck and to notify DoE of this date. In addition this report recommends the process which Council will follow during the rates setting.

1.2 Detail

The District Rate has to be struck by 15th February each year in 2016 this falls on a Monday. The 2 preceding Tuesdays are already taken up with scheduled committee meetings therefore another date is required for the purposes of setting the rate. Thursday 4th February would be a possibility allowing time for any potential adjournment (if required) and enable Council to strike within the appointed timeframe.

In terms of the rates setting process initially the Corporate, Policy and Resources Committee will have all the relevant information tabled and subsequently reported to full council in the normal manner for the period up to December. During January 2016 as the process draws towards its conclusion there will need to be a workshop or workshops timetabled for full council to consider the information prior to the rates estimates being presented to Council at the strike meeting.

1.3 Recommendation

It is recommended that the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council set Thursday 4th February 2016 as the Council meeting to strike the rate and that the Corporate, Policy and Resources Committee consider all rates estimates information up to December and that full council workshops be arranged as required in January 2016.