

<b>Set Rate Strike Meeting</b>	<b>17/10/2017</b>
<b>Corporate, Policy and Resources Committee – For decision</b>	

<b>Linkage to Council Strategy (2015-19)</b>	
<b>Strategic Theme</b>	Innovation and Transformation
<b>Outcome</b>	The Council will continuously examine and introduce ways to provide services in more accessible and efficient ways
<b>Lead Officer</b>	Chief Finance Officer
<b>Cost: (If applicable)</b>	Will set Council's Budget for 2018/19

### **1.1 Background**

Department for communities (DfC) requires Council to specify a meeting at which the rate will be struck and to notify DfC 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 15<sup>th</sup> February each year, in 2018 this falls on a Thursday. 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 2018 as the process draws towards its conclusion there may 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 8<sup>th</sup> February 2018 as the Council meeting to strike the rate and that the Corporate, Policy and Resources Committee consider all rates estimates information.