



**Causeway
Coast & Glens
Borough Council**

Hosting of Committee for Finance	20/12/2016
Council – for decision	

Linkage to Council Strategy (2015-19)	
Strategic Theme	Leader and Champion
Outcome	We will establish key relationships with Government, agencies and potential strategic partners in Northern Ireland and external to it which help us deliver our vision for this Council area.
Lead Officer	Chief Finance Officer
Cost: (If applicable)	

1.1 Background

Council in November approved a response to a request for evidence from the Committee for Finance regarding the review of rating policy. On the back of this the Committee have requested to hold a number of roundtable meetings with relevant stakeholders in Ballymoney (15 March), Warrenpoint (1 March) and Portadown (15 February).

1.2 Detail

The meeting in Ballymoney will be hosted by Council and will be held in the afternoon of the date given above (probably 2pm start). Council are asked to invite a number of relevant stakeholders to include representatives from, for example, Ballymoney Chamber of Commerce, local business associations, Charity retail sector and a Council representative. The total number of participants is anticipated to be 7 or 8. Each representative will have the opportunity to discuss with the committee matters relating to the rating system in Northern Ireland. Committee for Finance will chair the meeting and secretarial matters such as minute taking will be carried out by Committee for Finance Staff.

1.3 Recommendation

It is recommended that Council agree to host this meeting, make arrangements regarding venue, invite attendees from the local business community as specified by the committee and nominate a council representative to attend.