

Set Rate Strike Meeting	18/10/2016
Corporate, Policy and Resources Committee – For decision	

Linkage to Council Strategy (2015-19)	
Strategic Theme	Innovation and Transformation
Outcome	The Council will continuously examine and introduce ways to provide services in more accessible and efficient ways
Lead Officer	Chief Finance Officer
Cost: (If applicable)	Will set Council's Budget for 2017/18

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 15th February each year, in 2017 this falls on a Wednesday. 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 2nd 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 2017 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 2nd February 2017 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 2017.