

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Agenda Item No.

meeting date: 23 MARCH 2010
title: DRAFT CYCLE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS
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1 PURPOSE

1.1 To inform Committee of the proposed meeting cycle for Committees for the municipal year 2010/11.

1.2 Relevance to the Council's ambitions and priorities.

One of the Council's stated aims is to be a well run Council. Meetings of the Council and its committees are arranged to be as accessible as possible in order to enhance the transparency of the Council's work.

2 BACKGROUND

2.1 The meeting cycle is drawn up at this time of year for the forthcoming municipal year.

2.2 It is subject to final approval at the Annual meeting on 11 May 2010.

2.3 Some meeting dates have to fit into other timetables, eg approval of the Statement of Accounts, setting of the Council Tax.

3 ISSUES

3.1 The timetable needs to accommodate the Local Elections on 5 May 2011 which will mean Mayor-making in 2011 will be a week later than normal.

3.2 This year an option to include a summer recess (excluding Planning and Development Committee) has been prepared for committee's consideration. Please find the two options at Appendix A and B attached.

4 RISK ASSESSMENT

4.1 The approval of this report may have the following implications

- Resources – the estimated costs of administering the Committee arrangements is included in the approved budget for 2010/11. If you were to adopt option A there will be modest savings in administrative costs.
- Technical, Environmental and Legal – None arising as a direct result of this report.
- Political – None arising as a direct result of this report.
- Reputation – None arising as a direct result of this report.

5 RECOMMENDED THAT COMMITTEE

5.1 Recommend one of the options for final approval at the Annual Meeting on 11 May 2010.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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