

16. RECESS COMMITTEE



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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of the report is to seek the Council's approval to establish a Council Recess Committee to consider any issues normally dealt with by the Council, to cover the period following its last scheduled meeting for 2008 (being 19 December) up until 11 February 2009.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. As there is a period of up to two months between meetings of the Council, it is recommended that a Recess Committee with power to act, be appointed to deal with any issues requiring a decision that would otherwise go to a Council meeting for a decision.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3. There are no financial implications regarding the cost of a recess committee.

Do the Recommendations of this Report Align with 2006-16 LTCCP budgets?

4. Yes.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

Have you considered the legal implications of the issue under consideration?

5. Yes.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

Do the recommendations of this report support a level of service or project in the 2006-16 LTCCP?

6. Yes. Democracy and Governance.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

7. Not applicable.

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

8. Not applicable.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

9. Not applicable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended:

- (a) That the Council establish a Recess Committee comprising the Mayor or Deputy Mayor and three Councillors authorised to make any decisions of the Council for the period from 20 December 2008 to 11 February 2009.
- (b) Any decisions made be reported to the Council for record purposes.
- (c) That notice of any Recess Committee be publicised and forwarded to all Councillors.