

27. RECESS COMMITTEE

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Council's approval to establish a Council Recess Committee to consider issues that require a Council decision in the period following its last meeting for 2011 up until 31 January 2012.

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 issue requiring a Council decision that cannot wait until the first scheduled meeting of 2012 (1 February 2012).

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Do the Recommendations of this Report Align with 2009-19 LTCCP budgets?

3. Yes. Costs associated with holding meetings is provided for in the LTCCP (see page 159).

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

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

4. Yes.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

Do the recommendations of this report support a level of service or project in the 2009-19 LTCCP?

5. Yes. See Democracy and Governance pages 154 to 159 of the 2009-19 LTCCP.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

6. Not applicable.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

7. Not applicable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council:

- (a) Establish a Recess Committee comprising the Mayor or Deputy Mayor and three councillors authorised to make any decisions of the Council for the period following the final meeting of 2011 up to 31 January 2012
- (b) Note that any decisions made will be reported to the Council for record purposes
- (c) Agree that notice of the Recess Committee be publicised and forwarded to all councillors.