

**RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL
REPORT TO POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Agenda Item No. 6

meeting date: 18 June 2019
title: APPOINTMENT TO WORKING GROUPS 2019/20
submitted by: Chief Executive
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1 PURPOSE

1.1 To appoint members to any working groups under the remit of the Policy & Finance committee and their membership.

1.2 Relevance to the Council’s ambitions and priorities

- Community Objectives – to be a well managed council providing effective services.
- Corporate Priorities - to protect and enhance the existing environmental quality of our area; to help make people’s lives healthier and safer.
- Other Considerations – to work in partnership with other bodies in pursuit of the Council’s aims and objectives.

2 BACKGROUND

2.1 Working groups are set up by a parent committee to aid them in reaching a decision on specific aspects of their remit. Working groups have no powers and decisions are always made ultimately by the parent committee.

2.2 Working groups are usually made up of members from the parent committee unless another member has an expertise that could be useful to the group or in the case of a small political group availability is an issue.

3 ISSUES

3.1 The following working groups are active and officers recommend they are re-established. Committee may wish to consider if numbers need reviewing to approximate political balance on the Council.

Voluntary Organisation Grants	3 Conservatives + 1 Lib Dem
Budget Working Group	6 Conservatives + 1 Lib Dem

3.2 The working groups below were either set up as Task & Finish groups or have met infrequently. Committee may wish to only re-establish these if the need arises at some point in the future.

Communications	4 Conservatives + 1 Lib Dem
Market Re-Development	7 Conservatives + 2 Lib Dems + 1 Labour

- 3.3 Working groups meet when there is a need to move an issue forward in between committee meetings. For some, this is on an annual basis and for others it can be as often as monthly.
- 3.4 Agendas, reports and minutes are done by the officers that serve on the working group. The minutes of each meeting are reported back to the parent committee once approved by the working group so that they are kept informed of progress.
- 4 RISK ASSESSMENT
- 4.1 The approval of this report may have the following implications
- Resources – the costs associated with working groups is included in the budget for 2019/20.
 - Technical, Environmental and Legal – no significant risks identified
 - Political - no significant risks identified
 - Reputation – no significant risks identified
 - Equality & Diversity - no significant risks identified
- 5 RECOMMENDED THAT
- 5.1 Committee approve the continuance of the working groups under the remit of this committee and decide upon their membership.

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

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