

# RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Agenda Item No. 9

meeting date: TUESDAY, 19 NOVEMBER 2019  
 title: CREATION OF CLIMATE CHANGE WORKING GROUP  
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## 1 PURPOSE

1.1 To inform Committee about a matter which was raised at Council on 15 October 2019 and to request that Committee set up a Climate Change Working Group.

1.2 Relevance to the Council's ambitions and priorities:

- Community Objectives – }
  - Corporate Priorities – }
  - Other Considerations – }
- The Council aims to be a well-managed Council, responding to concerns about climate change supports this objective.

## 2 BACKGROUND

2.1 At the meeting of Council on 15 October a question was raised relating to Ribble Valley Borough Council having been given a low position in the Friends of the Earth's list of councils.

2.2 A request was made that a report was submitted to the next meeting of the Policy and Finance Committee to request Committee to set up a Climate Change Working Group.

## 3 ISSUES

3.1 Should Committee agree to the creation of a Working Group it will be necessary to determine the size and composition of the Working Group and specify the Terms of Reference of the group.

## 4 RISK ASSESSMENT

4.1 The approval of this report may have the following implications:

- Resources – N/A.
- Technical, Environmental and Legal – N/A.
- Political – N/A.
- Reputation – N/A.
- Equality & Diversity – N/A.

## 5 RECOMMENDED THAT COMMITTEE

5.1 Set up a Working Group with representation from Policy and Finance Committee of 5 Members.

- 5.2 Confirm that the remit of the Working Group is to consider how the Council is meeting the challenge of climate change, both in relation to how the Council provides its own services and how it provides wider support to the community in their efforts to tackle climate change, and to report the findings of the Working Group to the Policy and Finance Committee.

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#### BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.

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