

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE

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title: CORPORATE DEBT POLICY
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1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To agree a new Corporate Debt Policy (CDP).

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Council is required to collect debts across several different departments. These debts can be in relation to a variety of services, ranging from Business Rates, Council Tax and rent for both commercial and residential properties.

3 ISSUES

- 3.1 Having a CDP is good practice and ensures that all the people involved in the collection of money owed to the Council have a consistent approach and understanding of our procedures.
- 3.2 The Local Government Ombudsman has recommended that Local Authorities should have a CDP and publish it on its website so that anyone who owes money to the Council can understand what approach we will take.

5 RECOMMENDED THAT COMMITTEE

- 5.1 Approve the Policy attached at Appendix 1.

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