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| <b>Title of Report:</b>                | <b>Annual Accounts – Full Council Powers</b> |
| <b>Committee Report Submitted To:</b>  | <b>Audit Committee</b>                       |
| <b>Date of Meeting:</b>                | <b>11 December 2019</b>                      |
| <b>For Decision or For Information</b> | <b>For Information</b>                       |

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| <b>Linkage to Council Strategy (2019-23)</b> |                          |
| Strategic Theme                              | Leader and Champion      |
| Outcome                                      | Provide Civic Leadership |
| Lead Officer                                 | Chief Finance Officer    |

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| <b>Budgetary Considerations</b>    |                        |
| Cost of Proposal                   | Performance management |
| Included in Current Year Estimates | <b>YES/NO</b>          |
| Capital/Revenue                    | Revenue                |
| Code                               |                        |
| Staffing Costs                     |                        |

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| <b>Screening Requirements</b>            | Required for new or revised Policies, Plans, Strategies or Service Delivery Proposals. |        |       |
| Section 75 Screening                     | Screening Completed:   | Yes/No | Date: |
|  | EQIA Required and Completed:   | Yes/No | Date: |
| Rural Needs Assessment (RNA)             | Screening Completed  | Yes/No | Date: |
|  | RNA Required and Completed:  | Yes/No | Date: |
| Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) | Screening Completed:   | Yes/No | Date: |
|  | DPIA Required and Completed:   | Yes/No | Date: |

## **1.1 Background**

Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council must have its audited accounts approved by 30 September annually.

## **1.2 Detail**

Council recently amended its schedule of meetings meaning that full council now meets on the first Tuesday of every month. Consequently the annual accounts for year ended 31 March 2019 were not approved by Council until 1 October 2019.

## **1.3 Committee Powers**

In order to ensure that Council complies with current regulations it is necessary therefore to put arrangements in place to ensure that the capability is available to meet these requirements. Granting the Audit Committee full Council powers for the purposes of approving the annual accounts would allow this to happen.

## **1.4 Recommendation**

**It is recommended** that the Audit Committee be granted full Council powers for the purpose of approving the annual accounts.