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Report to the Policy & Finance Committee from John Allard, Corporate Policy Manager

# **Review of R.I.S.C. Group**

## 1. Purpose

To suggest that a formal review of the R.I.S.C (Regional Issues and Strategic Communications Working Group) should occur early in 2000.

# 2. Background

The Terms of Reference for the R.I.S.C. Group noted that its continued existence would be reviewed at this Committee meeting. For various reasons, that review is now proposed to be postponed.

# 3. Comment

The whole communications area has been in a state of development this year with new initiatives, a Council-wide interest in "community connections" and a complete turnover of staff. Work is currently underway in relation to early consultation on the Long Term Financial Strategy. The first edition of the Council news-sheet is just coming out. Until some of these developments have settled down a proper, informed review of the Working Group would be premature.

# 4. Recommendation

That a review of the Regional Issues and Strategic Communications Working Group takes place early in 2000.