

**RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**CABINET**

**22<sup>ND</sup> JANUARY, 2014**

**REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR, LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES**

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**ENHANCED CHECK OF ELECTED MEMBERS BY THE “DISCLOSURE AND BARRING SERVICE”**

**1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

To seek the approval of Cabinet to request that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee undertake a review on the possibility of a policy being introduced whereby all elected Members of Rhondda Cynon Taf undergo an enhanced check by the “Disclosure and Barring Service”.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 That at its next meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the 4<sup>th</sup> February, 2014, Members be requested to undertake a review on the possibility of a policy being introduced whereby all elected Members of Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council undergo an enhanced check by the “Disclosure and Barring Service” and report back with recommendations to a future meeting of the Cabinet.

**3. BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 Members may recall that at the recent meeting of Council held on 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2014 the following Notice of Motion was unsuccessfully presented:

“Will this Council make it a Policy that from 31 March, 2014 all County borough Councillors duly elected to this Council undergo an enhanced check by the “Disclosure and Barring Service”.

- 3.2 In accordance with paragraph 10.6 of Part 4 the Council’s Constitution the Notice of Motion was treated as withdrawn as the Seconder was not in attendance at the meeting and it cannot be re-submitted to Council for a period of six months.

- 3.3 Given the importance of the subject matter it was felt appropriate to give Cabinet the opportunity to consider the matter without any further delay.

- 3.4 If felt appropriate the matter could be referred to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to be examined in detail and recommendations be brought back to the Cabinet for consideration.