

RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET

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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 4th 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 15th 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- 3.2 In accordance with paragraph 10.6 of Part 4 the Council’s Constitution the Notice of Motion was treated as withdrawn as the Seconder was not in attendance at the meeting and it cannot be re-submitted to Council for a period of six months.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.