

RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

MUNICIPAL YEAR 2013/14

<p>COUNCIL 26th March 2014</p>		<p>Item No.10</p>
<p>REPORT OF: Director of Legal and Democratic Services Mr. Paul Lucas – 01443 424105</p>	<p>APPOINTMENT OF WHOLE TIME SENIOR CORONER</p>	

1. **PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

The purpose of the report is to advise Members of the outcome of discussions with relevant parties on the proposed merger of Coroner Areas and propose, that if agreement is not forthcoming to proceed with the appointment of a whole time Senior Coroner for the Powys, Bridgend and Glamorgan Valleys Area.

2. **ACCOMMODATION**

That in the absence of any agreement by all interested parties to a merged Coroner Area with Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan:

- 2.1 The post of whole time Coroner for the Powys, Bridgend and Glamorgan Valleys be advertised as soon as possible.
- 2.2 The Appointment Panel consists of the Leader, Cabinet HR Portfolio Holder and Leader of the largest Opposition Group (or substitutes).

3. **BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 At the last Council Meeting it was **RESOLVED** that I report back on the current position of Cardiff Council with regard to the proposed merger of the Coroner Areas of Powys, Bridgend and Glamorgan Valleys (relevant authority RCT) and Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan (relevant authority Vale of Glamorgan Council).
- 3.2 To date I have received no written response and I will report at the meeting if any communication has been received.

- 3.3. If all parties are not in a position to agree to the proposed merger then I propose to proceed to take the necessary steps to advertise the post of a whole time Coroner for the Powys, Bridgend and Glamorgan Valleys Coroner Area.

CORONER

- 3.4 I would remind Members that the Coroner Appointment Panel is comprised of the Leader of the Council, Cabinet HR Portfolio Holder and Leader of the largest Opposition Group (or substitutes).