



## CABINET - 19TH MARCH 2014

**SUBJECT: FOSTER CARER RETAINER PAYMENTS**

**REPORT BY: ACTING DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES & S.151 OFFICER**

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- 1.1 The report was considered by the Health Social Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee on 11th February 2014. It provides details of the proposed charges to the Foster Carers Retainer Payments Policy. The proposed policy will introduce a system, where the criteria for retainer payments is more equitable for all carers and will ensure that the Authority is comparative with other local authorities and the independent foster care agencies.
- 1.2 As a result of the consultation process and taking on board the responses received, the recommended retainer payment rate has been increased to £110 for Career Carers and £55 for all other Carers. This ensures that Caerphilly compares favourable with other local authorities and independent foster care agencies.
- 1.3 Following consideration and discussion, the Scrutiny Committee moved and seconded that the recommendation in the report be approved and by a show of hands this was unanimously endorsed.
- 1.4 Cabinet is asked to consider the recommendation from the Scrutiny Committee that the content of the report be noted and the implementation of the Policy from 1st April 2014 be endorsed.

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Appendices:

Appendix: Report to Health Social Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee on 11th February 2014 – Agenda item 7(4)