



## CABINET – 16TH APRIL 2014

**SUBJECT: FINANCIAL ASSESSMENT PROCEDURE FOR SPECIAL GUARDIANSHIP ORDERS AND RESIDENCE ORDERS**

**REPORT BY: ACTING DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES AND SECTION 151 OFFICER**

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- 1.1 The attached report was considered by the Health, Social Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee on 25th March 2014. The report provides details of a revised financial assessment procedure for determining financial support payable by Caerphilly CBC to carers of children under Special Guardianship Orders and Residence Orders.
  - 1.2 Following consideration and discussion, it was moved and seconded that the recommendations in the report be approved. By a show of hands this was unanimously endorsed.
  - 1.3 Cabinet Members are therefore asked to consider the following recommendations: -
    1. That the revised financial assessment procedure attached at Appendix 1 to the report be endorsed.
    2. That payments to those carers whose allowances will reduce as a consequence of the revised financial assessment procedure will be protected at current levels for the duration of the Order (or until future financial assessments result in a higher allowance being payable or there is a significant change in financial circumstances).
    3. That re-assessments be undertaken at the normal anniversary date for each family but the outcomes from those assessments be backdated to 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014.

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Appendices:

Appendix: 1: Report to Health, Social Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee dated 25th March 2014 - Agenda 6(3)