

Committee Name and Date of Committee Meeting

Council – 25 May 2022

Report Title

Disclosure and Barring Service Checks on Councillors

Is this a Key Decision and has it been included on the Forward Plan?

No

Strategic Director Approving Submission of the Report

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Ward(s) Affected

All

Report Summary

This report is submitted for information, to confirm that all current councillors serving on Rotherham MBC have commenced the process to complete the checks on offences and convictions by the Disclosure and Barring Service.

Recommendations

That the report be noted.

List of Appendices Included

Nil

Background Papers

Disclosure and Barring Service Checks on Councillors Report – 8 March 2017
Internal Audit Report – Elected Members Procedures Audit 2015-2016 – April 2016

Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel

N/A

Council Approval Required

Yes

Exempt from the Press and Public

No

Disclosure and Barring Service Checks on Councillors

1. Background

- 1.1 In response to the findings of the Casey Review of corporate governance within Rotherham MBC, the Commissioners identified that all councillors should be required to be subject to a Disclosure and Barring Services check, as part of rebuilding trust and confidence in the leadership of the authority. This requirement was also included within recommendations in an Internal Audit report on Elected Member Conduct – April 2016.
- 1.2 The approach adopted in administering DBS checks, was to require any councillor elected following the May 2021 Election to undertake a standard check through the Disclosure and Barring Service. Elected Members appointed to Corporate Parenting Panel were also asked to complete an Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Services check as these Members have responsibility and oversight of issues in respect of Looked After Children.

2. Key Issues

- 2.1 At the time of writing this report, all councillors that were required to make an application for either a standard or enhanced DBS check have done so. With the exception of two checks that are yet to be completed all other checks have been returned.

3. Options considered and recommended proposal

- 3.1 A Risk Assessment has been completed for the councillors which RMBC does not currently hold a DBS result for.
- 3.2 Political Group Leaders have been consulted in all cases where DBS results are not held by RMBC.

4. Consultation on proposal

- 4.1 N/A

5. Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision

- 5.1 N/A

6. Financial and Procurement Advice and Implications

- 6.1 There are no direct financial or procurement implications associated with this report.

7. Legal Advice and Implications

- 7.1 There are no direct legal implications associated with this report.

8. Human Resources Advice and Implications

8.1 There are no direct human resources implications associated with this report.

9. Implications for Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults

9.1 There are no direct implications for children and young people and vulnerable adults associated with this report.

10. Equalities and Human Rights Advice and Implications

10.1 There are no direct equalities or human rights implications associated with this report.

11. Implications for CO₂ Emissions and Climate Change

11.1 There are no direct CO₂ Emissions and Climate Change implications associated with this report.

12. Implications for Partners

12.1 There are no direct implications for partners associated with this report.

13. Risks and Mitigation

13.1 There are no risks directly associated with this report as all councillors requiring an enhanced DBS check have been completed.

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