

## ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL- REPORT TO MEMBERS

1.	To:	Cabinet
2.	Date:	5 <sup>th</sup> November 2014
3.	Title:	Revision to Standing Orders – Quorum for Cabinet

#### 4. Summary

The report proposes a reduction to the quorum for Cabinet meetings from five to four Members.

#### 5. Recommendations:-

**That Cabinet recommends to Council amending the Council's Standing Orders to provide for a reduction in the quorum of Cabinet from five to four Members.**

## **6. Proposals and Details**

In accordance with the rule 4(2) of the Executive Procedure Rules the quorum for Cabinet is five members. However, with the recent reduction in the number of Cabinet members from ten to nine, and then to seven, the proportion of Members required for a quorum to be met has risen to above half.

At recent Cabinet meetings it has been the challenge to ensure that the quorum is fulfilled. In addition to the predictable absence of members due to leave, there are regular occasions when individual Cabinet members have declared discloseable pecuniary interests and have had to leave the meeting. This has resulted in difficulties in achieving a quorum for a decision making.

Therefore to ensure reasonable arrangements for the conducting of Cabinet business, it is proposed that the quorum should be reduced from five to four members. However, owing to the significance of decisions taken at Cabinet, it is not considered appropriate to reduce the number below this level.

In accordance with the Standing Order 56.1 decisions to amend the Council's Standing Orders need to be recommended to Council by either Cabinet or the Standards Committee.

## **7. Finance**

No implications.

## **8. Risks and Uncertainties**

The reduction in the quorum will ensure that Cabinet business can be transacted with the minimum of disruption.

## **8. Policy and Performance**

Nil

## **9. Background Papers**

Nil

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