

ANNUAL COUNCIL:

26th MAY 2016

REPORT OF THE INTERIM MONITORING OFFICER

CARDIFF UNDERTAKING

Purpose of the Report

1. To recommend an amendment to the Cardiff Undertaking and to invite Members to reaffirm their commitment to the revised Undertaking.

Background Information

2. The Council's ethical code comprises the National Code of Conduct which is incorporated into the Council's Constitution and the Cardiff Undertaking which was agreed at the Council meeting on 1st July 2004.
3. The Cardiff Undertaking provides an opportunity for Members to publicly commit to using their term of office to work for the Council, the City and its citizens, and to commit to the standards of conduct expected by the Council.
4. In accordance with the recommendations of the Standards and Ethics Committee, Elected Members have been asked since 2008 to reaffirm their commitment to the Cardiff Undertaking at each Annual Council meeting.

Issues

5. At the Council's Annual Meeting on 21 May 2015, it was requested that the important role of Councillors as Corporate Parents should be incorporated as an integral part of the Cardiff Undertaking. A draft amendment to the Cardiff Undertaking to this effect is shown in **Appendix A**.

Financial and Legal Implications

6. There are none arising from this report.

Recommendations

Council is recommended:-

- (a) to approve the amended Cardiff Undertaking shown in **Appendix A**.
- (b) to ask all Members to formally sign the amended Cardiff Undertaking to reaffirm their commitment to it.

David Marr
Interim Monitoring Officer

18th May 2016

Appendices

Appendix A Amended Cardiff Undertaking (draft)

Background Papers:

Council reports, 'Cardiff Undertaking', May 2008 and May 2015, and minutes thereof