

Audit and Governance Committee



Date of meeting:	25 July 2022
Title of Report:	Disclosure and Barring Service Checks for Councillors
Lead Member:	Councillor Mark Shayer (Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance and Economy)
Lead Strategic Director:	Giles Perritt (Assistant Chief Executive)
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Your Reference:	AG/DBS/2022
Key Decision:	No
Confidentiality:	Part I - Official

Purpose of Report

The attached policy (Appendix A) follows discussion of Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks which took place at the meeting of the 11 October 2021.

The policy meets the statutory requirements for DBS checks and provides that some, but not all, councillors receive a DBS check.

Recommendations and Reasons

The Audit and Governance Committee is recommended to approve the policy.

Reason: The policy provides clarity as to which councillor roles have DBS checks as a requirement.

Alternative options considered and rejected

- **Not creating a policy:** The Council is not under a statutory obligation to agree a policy in relation to DBS checks for councillors. This option was rejected as clarity of what checks are required has been requested by Councillors.
- **Requiring DBS checks for all Councillors:** There is no requirement in the law to provide DBS checks for all councillors and the Council is unable to compel all Councillors to undergo such checks.

Relevance to the Corporate Plan and/or the Plymouth Plan

The policy reflects the Democratic and Responsible values of the Corporate Plan and our priority to keep children, young people and adults protected.

Implications for the Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications:

None - Costs in relation to checks will be met through existing budgets.

Sign off:

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Originating Senior Leadership Team member: Giles Perritt, Assistant Chief Executive											
Please confirm the Strategic Director(s) has agreed the report? Yes											
Date agreed: 15/07/2022											