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To: Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen

RESULT OF PENYDARREN BY-ELECTION AND IMPACT ON POLITICAL BALANCE

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT:

To advise Council of the outcome of the Local Government By-Election in the Penydarren Electoral Division on Thursday 31st July 2014 and the impact on the political balance.

1.0 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

1.1 A by-election was held on Thursday 31st July 2014 in the Penydarren Electoral Division following the untimely death of Councillor Neil Greer last April.

1.2 The successful person was Labour Party candidate John McCarthy whose Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed on Wednesday 6th August 2014.

2.0 CHANGE IN POLITICAL BALANCE

2.1 Whilst the Labour Party has gained an additional seat on the Council, there has been no change to the political balance of the Authority, with the Labour Party still holding the majority.

2.2 As Councillor Greer was not a member of a group and did not take up his position on scrutiny, the allocation of Chair, Vice Chair and committee seats also remain unchanged.
3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATION(S)

3.1 There are no financial implications.

4.0 SINGLE INTEGRATED PLAN AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT SUMMARY

4.1 The Single Integrated Plan and Sustainability Impact Assessment has been completed and the proposals positively impact on the role of communities working in partnership to help deliver priority outcomes. No negative impacts have been identified.

5.0 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

5.1 An Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) screening form has been prepared for the purpose of this report. It has been found that a full report is not required at this time. The screening form can be accessed on the Council’s website/intranet via the ‘Equality Impact Assessment’ link.

6.0 RECOMMENDATION(S) that

6.1 Council notes the contents of the report.