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FULL COUNCIL REPORT

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Exempt/Non Exempt	Non Exempt
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To: Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen

Overpayment Recovery Policy 2014

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT:

To seek Council approval on a revised Overpayment Recovery Policy

1.0 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The council has had an Overpayment Recovery Policy in place for some time which has been amended over time to reflect changes in legislation and working practices. A copy of the policy is attached at Appendix 1.
- 1.2 As a result of recent changes to legislation, the following changes are recommended to the existing policy.
 - 1.2.1 Direct Earnings Attachment Order – this replaces the need to go to Court.
 - 1.2.2 Amendment to recovery rates for 2014/15.

2.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATION(S)

- 2.1 There are no financial implications associated with this report.

3.0 SINGLE INTEGRATED PLAN AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT SUMMARY

3.1 The Single Integrated Plan & Sustainability Impact Assessment has been Completed and the proposals positively impact on a number of aspects of the Corporate Plan and Single Integrated Plan, including people in Merthyr Tydfil benefiting from a strong, sustainable and diverse economy; and people, enjoy a vibrant, attractive, safe and sustainable place in which to live, work, play and visit.

No negative impacts have been identified.

4.0 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

4.1 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.

5.0 RECOMMENDATION(S) that

5.1 The amendments to the Overpayment Recovery Policy for Benefit as set out in paragraph 1.2 be approved.

**GARETH CHAPMAN
CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

BACKGROUND PAPERS		
Title of Document(s)	Document(s) Date	Document Location
Overpayment Recovery Policy		Benefits Section

Consultation has been undertaken with the Corporate Management Team in respect of each proposal(s) and recommendation(s) set out in this report.