1. **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

1.1 That Corporate Scrutiny Committee recommend to Cabinet the approval of the Members mobile phone policy.

2. **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

2.1 To agree and implement the revised mobile phone policy for Members.

3. **CORPORATE PRIORITIES**

3.1 The matters discussed in this report impact directly on the following corporate priorities:

- **Responsive Value for Money Services**: This priority is about the Council working collaboratively, being a provider, procurer and a commissioner of services that are efficient and that meet the needs of local people.

4. **RISK ASSESSMENT IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 All the issues raised and the recommendation(s) in this report involve risk considerations but where possible these risks will be mitigated by the new policy.

5. **BACKGROUND AND OPTIONS**

5.1 The existing mobile phone policy is out of date and needs refreshing in line with current technologies for example Rossendale have moved from Blackberry devices which were controlled and locked down to a smart phone that is completely unlocked.

5.2 Rossendale has changed network provider from Vodafone to O2 in December 2012, the new policy reflects process changes required ie reporting a lost device etc.

5.3 Previously Rossendale only had one mobile phone policy for both officers and Members; this new policy is specifically for Members.
6. **SECTION 151 OFFICER**

6.1 No material financial implications

7. **MONITORING OFFICER**

7.1 Included in the report

8. **POLICY IMPLICATIONS AND CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT**

8.1 Policy has been to management team.

9. **CONCLUSION**

9.1 It is recommended that the new member’s mobile phone policy is agreed and implemented.

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