

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE DEMOCRATIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on 27 November 2018

- PRESENT:** Councillor Robert Llewelyn Jones (Chair)
- Councillors Carwyn Jones, Eric Wyn Jones, Robert G Parry, OBE, FRAgS, Dylan Rees, J Arwel Roberts and Dafydd Roberts
- IN ATTENDANCE:** Head of Democratic Services
Committee Officer (SC)
- APOLOGIES:** Councillor Richard Griffiths
- ALSO PRESENT:** None
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1. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None received.

2. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 26 September 2018 were confirmed as correct.

3. WEBCASTING OF SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

Submitted - an update report by the Head of Democratic Service in response to the Council's decision on 28 September 2018 to refer a Notice of Motion to the Democratic Services Committee in order to make recommendations to the Council on webcasting both Scrutiny Committees.

The Head of Democratic Services reported that currently, meetings of the County Council, the Executive and Planning and Orders Committee are webcast. He stated that webcasting is not a legislative requirement, but is strongly supported by Welsh Government, and is linked to the provision within the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011, to strengthen local democracy and community engagement.

It was noted that current webcasting costs per year are in the region of £12,000. It is envisaged that additional webcasting costs would be approximately £3,000 per annum for the hire of equipment, as well as £3,500 for staff time.

RESOLVED to recommend that no changes be made to the current arrangement for webcasting.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN MEETINGS

Submitted - an update report by the Head of Democratic Services in response to the Council's decision on 28 September 2018 to refer a Notice of Motion to the Democratic Services Committee to make recommendations to the Council to amend the Constitution to allow motions proposed by members of the public and supported by 50 signatures of individuals who live on Anglesey to be discussed at full Council meetings.

The Council Procedure Rules (Para 4.1 of the Constitution) do not include provision for motions to be submitted by members of the public.

RESOLVED to recommend no changes to the Constitution.

5. INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL FOR WALES – DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2019/20

Submitted - a report by the Head of Democratic Service on the Independent Remuneration Panel's Draft Annual Report for 2019/20, which sets out the type and levels of payment that local authorities make available to their member and co-opted members.

It was noted that Group Leaders have been consulted on the proposals affecting this authority.

The Head of Democratic Services reported that the consultation process will close on 27 November 2018, and the final report will be published in February 2019.

RESOLVED that the Committee considered the draft determinations presented, and agreed to accept the recommendations within the IRP's report.

The meeting concluded at 10.55 am

**COUNCILLOR ROBERT LL JONES
CHAIR**