

<b>ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL</b>	
<b>NAME OF COMMITTEE:</b>	<b>DEMOCRATIC SERVICES COMMITTEE</b>
<b>DATE OF MEETING:</b>	<b>4 FEBRUARY 2013</b>
<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>BUDGET PROPOSALS FOR 2013/14 - IMPLICATIONS FOR DEMOCRATIC SERVICES</b>
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As part of its Work Programme, the Committee has agreed that it considers the implications to Democratic Services in relation to budget proposals for 2013/14.

Savings proposals in relation to Democratic Services are included under the Deputy Chief Executive on page 12 of the Consultation Document. These aspects have already been scrutinised by the Corporate Scrutiny Committee on 28 January 2013.

Apart from reduction in Members Allowances the only issue drawn to the attention of this Committee are proposals to achieving savings through ending the use of pre-paid envelopes across the Authority.

Since 1996 pre-paid envelopes have been provided to Members on request to fulfil their duties. The number of Members using pre-paid envelopes has reduced significantly and during 2011/12 only 6 Members requested pre-paid envelopes. Costs amounted to £185.

Guidance on supporting the work of Local Authority Members is outlined in the Annual Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales. This provides "*that a Local Authority must provide, without charge such support as it deems necessary (e.g. telephones, postal costs, IT equipment) to enable Members to fulfil their duties*".

At present the Council provides without charge the following support to Members:

- ICT Equipment – ipads (pilot scheme for Executive Members), laptops, printers and consumables
- Broadband and Telephone lines
- Stationery on request

- Postal Service

In view of budget pressures the Committee may wish to comment on the range of services provided to Members as noted above and what contribution Members could make to the efficiency agenda.

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