

COUNTY BOROUGH OF BLAENAU GWENT

REPORT TO: THE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE DEMOCRATIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

REPORT SUBJECT: ACTION SHEET ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 7TH MARCH, 2019

REPORT AUTHOR: DEMOCRATIC SERVICES OFFICER

<u>ITEM NO.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>ACTION TO BE TAKEN</u>	<u>BY WHOM (TIMESCALE IF DECIDED)</u>	<u>ACTION TAKEN</u>
4	07.03.19	<p><u>DEMOCRATIC SERVICES COMMITTEE – MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 23RD OCTOBER, 2018</u></p> <p><i><u>Democratic Arrangements Progress Report</u></i></p> <p>A Member referred to the penultimate paragraph on page 8 (<i>Q2 information on the number of recommendations amended by Scrutiny accepted by Executive</i>) of the minutes and said that this should have been brought out as an action point.</p> <p>The Head of Democratic Services confirmed that the information requested would be reported to the next meeting</p>	Head of Democratic Services	<p>During Q2 scrutiny did not amend any recommendations to the Executive. Further information is included in the <i>Democratic Arrangements and Scrutiny Progress</i></p>

		of the Committee.		<i>report</i> , which is on this agenda.
5	07.03.19	<p><u>REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL FOR WALES 2019/20</u></p> <p>A discussion ensued regarding the implications on Members' car insurance policies when travelling together to attend meetings etc. The Organisational Development Manager undertook to provide clarification on this matter.</p>	Organisational Development Manager	Response attached.

Response from Insurance:

Travel to and from the Civic for Council meetings could be considered commuting, but Members would be wise to double check. In terms of ad hoc visits to constituents etc. this could certainly be thought of as “business” travel, and if they are employed and are leaving their place of work to go somewhere other than home, that could be considered business miles also.

The fact that they claim mileage might make a difference also.

It comes down to whether you have given your insurers all the relevant /material information they would need to rate your premium. I would think declaring a role as Councillor would come under that heading.

Response from Legal:

This point isn't covered in the Members' Code of Conduct Guidance. If I was the Member concerned, I would ask my insurance company whether this amounts to a need for business cover. It's a personal thing rather than one for us to advise upon.