

Action Sheet

Democratic Services Committee – 22nd March, 2021

Item	Action to be Taken	By Whom	Action Taken
5	<p><u>ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES</u></p> <p>The Leader of the Labour Group proposed that a letter of explanation be forwarded to Members of the Committee setting out the reason why the use of substitutions at Committee meetings was initiated mid-term and not at the AGM.</p> <p>For the Head of Democratic Services to consider the IT connectivity issues being experienced by Members and Senior Officers.</p>	<p>Michelle Morris</p> <p>Bernadette Elias</p>	<p>There have been previous conversations with the Monitoring Officer on the points raised and that the rules on substitutions are longstanding, open to all parties, and haven't been introduced mid-term as suggested.</p> <p>Good progress has been made towards the hybrid meeting system with support testing underway. Democratic Services have also supported Members general IT enquiries.</p>
6	<p><u>ANNUAL REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL FOR WALES 2021/22</u></p> <p>Are representatives on Silent Valley remunerated, and if so, is that considered to be an SRA?</p>	<p>Richard Bridge</p>	<p><u>Silent Valley</u></p> <p>Through a local agreement, two elected members are in receipt of Director Fees (equivalent to a senior salary allowance) as board members of Silent Valley Waste Services. These do not count towards the cap of 17 and are reimbursed by the Company.</p>

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	Is the Leader of the minority Independent Group remunerated	Richard Bridge	Leaders of Political Groups are remunerated if they have 10% or more of the membership of the full Council. The Minority Independent Group has 4 members, which is 4.2% of the Council membership. As numbers are rounded up, the Leader of the Minority Independent Group is not remunerated.
	Are Council Members on Tai Calon remunerated.	Richard Bridge	<p><u>Tai Calon</u> The criteria for reporting additional payments made to members is very specific and as Tai Calon does not fall in to any of the categories below, any such payments will not be reported.</p> <p>The amount of any further payments received by any named member nominated to, or appointed by, another relevant authority or other public body as defined by Section 67 of the Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Act 2013, namely:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a local health board • a police and crime Panel • a relevant authority • a body designated as a public body in an order made by the Welsh Ministers.