

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO COUNCIL

16 OCTOBER 2013

REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER

AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 Council is asked to approve the amendment of the Constitution to reflect the extension of functions of the Democratic Services Committee made by the Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Act 2013.

2. Connection to Corporate Improvement Plan / Other Corporate Priority

- 2.1 The Constitution directly impacts upon the Authority's ability to implement the Corporate Improvement Plan and other Corporate Priorities.

3. Background

- 3.1 Section 60 of the Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Act 2013 came into force on 1st October 2013 and extends the functions of the Democratic Services Committee. The Committee may now, at the request of the Authority, review any matter relevant to:

- (a) the support and advice available to Members of the Authority, and
- (b) the terms and conditions of office of those Members

- 3.2 The Committee must make reports and recommendations to the Authority following a review and it will be for the Committee to determine how to exercise its functions under this section.

4. Current situation / proposal

- 4.1 It is proposed that the following additional functions set out in italics and underlined below be inserted into the Responsibility of Functions of the Democratic Services Committee in Part 3 of the Constitution:

- (a) to designate an officer as the Head of Democratic Services,
- (b) to review the adequacy of provision of staff, accommodation and other resources to discharge democratic services functions, and
- (c) to make reports and recommendations to Council, at least annually, in relation to such provision.

(d) at the request of the Council, review any matter relevant to the support and advice available to members of the Council, and the terms and conditions of office of those members

(e) to make reports and recommendations to the Council following a review.

5. Effect upon Policy Framework & Procedure Rules

5.1 The report proposes amendment of the Procedure Rules.

6. Equality Impact Assessment

6.1 There are no equality implications.

7. Financial Implications

7.1 There are no financial implications.

8. Recommendation

8.1 Council is requested to approve amendment of the Constitution as set out in paragraph 4.1 of the report.

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Background documents

None