



DEMOCRATIC
SERVICES
COMMITTEE

Statutory Responsibilities



APPOINTMENT OF A SENIOR OFFICER AS
THE STATUTORY HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC
SERVICES



REVIEWING THE SUPPORT AND
RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO NON-
EXECUTIVE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL



RESPONSIBILITY FOR DEVELOPMENT AND
TRAINING FOR MEMBERS

Purpose of the role...

- To champion the needs of all-members
- To ensure members are provided with access to independent advice and support.
- Consider the statutory sufficiency of resources report from the HODS and make recommendations for resources.
- To review resources available to members from accommodation to technology
- Consider matters associated with the role of an elected members (from the IRP annual report through to the recent post-election induction)
- Personal development and training
- Diversity and participation

Outcomes...

- Secured additional resources to support members in areas identified by members
- Developed plans to enable the broadcasting of committee meetings
- Considered enhancements to facilities and improved accessibility as a result
- Continuing to monitor the development of the members portal
- Extensively enhanced member development and training opportunities over the last two years including the Members Induction Programme
- Actioning feedback from Annual Members survey

Year ahead...

- Further develop and enhance live-broadcasting and hybrid meetings e.g the Modern.Gov voting app
- Consider the sufficiency of resources
- Assess the effectiveness of the Member induction programme and ongoing training arrangements for new and returning members
- Ensure that the appropriate safety/security provisions are available to Members when undertaking their role
- Consider the new requirements contained with the Local Government & Elections Act Wales