

## MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Minutes of the meeting of Democratic Services Committee held on Monday, 22nd January, 2024 at 2.00 pm

**PRESENT:** County Councillor Ann Webb (Chairman)

County Councillors: Louise Brown, Tomos Davies, Meirion Howells,  
David Jones, Su McConnell, Maria Stevens, Peter Strong,  
Laura Wright, Rachel Buckler and Tony Easson

#### **OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

John Pearson  
Nicola Perry

Local Democracy Manager  
Senior Democracy Officer

#### **APOLOGIES:**

Councillors Armand Watts

#### **1. Declarations of Interest**

None.

#### **2. To confirm the minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023 were approved as an accurate record.

#### **3. Draft - Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Report 2024/25**

The Local Democracy Manager introduced the draft proposals from the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales for councillor remuneration for the year 2024/25.

The Committee resolved to note the content of the draft IRPW report.

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#### **4. Recorded Votes - Verbal**

The Local Democracy Manager introduced the item and invited Members to discuss.

The issue around recorded votes at meetings centred around consistency regarding when Members should request a recorded vote.

The current process was explained, and it was noted that the wording in the Constitution was vague and could need amending.

The Committee resolved to discuss the matter with the Monitoring Officer and bring the next meeting.

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#### **5. Date of Next Meeting - Monday 15th April 2024**

On closing the meeting, the Chair suggested that, following the success of the last bus tour of the County, another trip be arranged. It was agreed to arrange this around Springtime.

**The meeting ended at 2.35 pm**