



## **Democratic Services Committee Member Role Description**

### **1 Accountabilities**

- To Full Council
- To the Chair of the Democratic Services committee

### **2 Role purpose and activity**

#### **Understanding the nature of the Democratic Services Committee:**

- To be aware of and effectively undertake the role of the committee in:
  - Designating the Head of Democratic Services
  - Keeping under review the provision of staff, accommodation and other resources made available to the Head of Democratic services, ensuring that these are adequate
  - Make annual reports to the full council in relation to the above
  - Appointing sub committees and chairs of subcommittees to undertake functions delegated by the committee
  - Considering reports prepared by the Head of Democratic Services
  - Developing the Authority's member support and development strategy
  - Ensuring that members have access to a reasonable level of training and development as described in the member development strategy and the Wales Charter for Member Support and Development
  - Ensuring that the budget for member development is sufficient
  - Ensuring that members have access to personal development planning and annual personal development reviews
  - To have sufficient technical, legal and procedural knowledge to contribute fairly and correctly to the function of the committee.
  - To be thorough and objective in receiving and responding to professional advice in the conduct of meetings and issues before the committee

#### **Participating in meetings and making decisions**

- To participate effectively in meetings of the Democratic services committee,
- To make informed and balanced decisions, within the terms of reference of the Committee, which accord with legal, constitutional and policy requirements

#### **Internal governance, ethical standards and relationships**

- To ensure the integrity of the committee's decision making and of his/ her own role by adhering to the Code of Conduct(s) and other constitutional and legal requirements
- To promote and support good governance by the Council
- To understand the respective roles of members, officers and external parties operating within the Democratic Services Committee's area of responsibility

### **3 Values**

To be committed to and demonstrate the following values in public office:

- Openness and transparency
- Honesty and integrity
- Tolerance and respect
- Equality and fairness
- Appreciation of cultural difference
- Sustainability

### **4 Training and Development**

- A willingness to attend the necessary training sessions delivered as part of the members induction programme, as well as any training deemed relevant by the authority or identified through Personal Development Reviews during the term of Council.