

CYNGOR GWYNEDD



Report to a meeting of the Democracy Services Committee

Date of Meeting: 18 June 2024

Title of Item: Draft of the Annual report by the Head of Democracy Services in relation to support for Members.

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1. DECISION

The Democracy Services Committee is requested to consider the report and its contents and recommend it for adoption by the Full Council as required.

2. What is the background and relevant considerations?

- 2.1 I am required to report to the full Council annually outlining the support available to Councillors.
- 2.2 In accordance with the requirements of the Local Government (Wales) Act 2011, the Democracy Services Committee is responsible for specific matters (under Section 11), as follows:
- Fulfilling the role of the local authority to appoint a Head of Democracy Services
 - Review the support available in relation to staff, buildings and other resources available to the Head of Democracy Services, to ensure they are adequate for the requirements of the role.
 - Produce a report, at least once a year, to be presented to the Full Council in relation to support for Members.
- 2.3 This year's annual report is concise and focuses on the developments made during the year rather than outlining all the support available to Members. It also outlines the top priorities for the year ahead.
- 2.4 A draft report is presented to you today, with an opportunity for you to consider its content and format.

- 2.5 The report to be presented to Full Council will include a recommendation to adopt an 8th core training area for Elected Members, i.e. Violence against Women (which also includes violence against men) as recommended by this committee at its meeting in February this year.
- 2.6 I want to thank you the members of the Democracy Services Committee for your constructive comments during our meetings over the year. A number of teams assist me in providing the best possible support to you. I want to thank everyone for their work, but I want to specifically thank the Democracy and Language Service officers, who are your main day-to-day liaison, the learning and development team, and all other officers who assist in supporting you in your role. I look forward to working with you all in the future to further develop the provision.