

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL.

County Council
21st January, 2015

REPORT AUTHOR: Head of Democratic Services

SUBJECT: Payments to Co-Opted Members

REPORT FOR: Decision

1. At the meeting of the County Council on 24th October, 2013 the Council considered the recommendation of the Democratic Services Committee in relation to the maximum number of days for which Co-Opted Members could be paid and approved the maximum limits.
2. An amendment is required in respect of the maximum number of days allowed for the Audit Committee Lay Member. This has arisen as the Lay Member has been appointed onto the new Finance Scrutiny Panel which the Council has established, and the requirement to attend these meetings, meetings of the Audit Working Groups and the Audit Committee itself means that he will exceed the maximum limit currently allowed prior to the end of the financial year.
3. The Finance Scrutiny Panel is significant for the Council in its aim to improve the scrutiny of the budget setting process, and significant nationally in Wales as the success of this project could lead to the development of a template which could be used in other Councils in Wales.
4. The Democratic Services Committee considered this matter at its meeting on 15th January, 2015 and recommended to the Council that the maximum number of days for which the Audit Committee Lay Member be paid from the Annual Meeting in 2014 be increased to 25 days as an interim measure. The current maximum number of days allowed for the Audit Committee Lay Member is 20 days. There is no impact on the budget as there are currently two Parent Governor Vacancies.
5. The Democratic Services Committee also suggested that there should be a review of the Audit Committee Lay Member's maximum number of days and also those in respect of the Parent Governor Representatives as the number of meetings they have been asked to attend (People Scrutiny Committee and Member and Officer Working Groups for Education and Children's Services) has meant an increased requirement for them to attend meetings.

Recommendation to the County Council:	Reason for Recommendation:
(i) That the maximum number of days for which the Audit Committee Lay Member may be paid from the Annual Meeting in 2014 be increased to 25 days as an interim measure.	To set the maximum number of days for which co-opted members may be paid in any one year as required by the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales' Report – December 2012.

<p>(ii) That a review of the limits set for the Audit Committee Lay Member and the Parent Governor Representatives be undertaken at the end of the current financial year.</p>	
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<p>Relevant Policy (ies):</p>			
<p>Within Policy:</p>	<p>Y</p>	<p>Within Budget:</p>	<p>Y</p>

<p>Relevant Local Member(s):</p>	
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<p>Person(s) To Implement Decision:</p>	<p>Wyn Richards</p>
<p>Date By When Decision To Be Implemented:</p>	<p>January, 2015</p>

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Background Papers used to prepare Report: