

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL.

**County Council
12th July, 2018**

REPORT AUTHOR: Democratic Services Committee

SUBJECT: Recommendations from the Democratic Services Committee: Review of the Role of Chair of Council and Review of Civic Roles

REPORT FOR: Decision

1. Summary

The Council meeting on 13 July 2017 passed a resolution asking the Democratic Services Committee to review the role of the Chair of Council and civic roles. The Democratic Services Committee formed a working group which reported to the committee on 16th April, 2018 (copy attached for information).

2. Recommendation from the Democratic Services Committee

RECOMMEND TO THE COUNCIL THAT	Reason for recommendation
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The civic roles are valued and should be retained.2. The roles of Chair, Vice-Chair and Assistant Vice-Chair will be more important now as they absorb the Shire Chair roles as from May.3. The current rotation for Chair of Council between areas be retained.4. There is no benefit in moving to a Presiding Member in place of a Chair of Council.5. There is limited scope for reducing the level of civic salary paid as it does not provide significant savings.6. The current budget allocation for the Chair's use should be retained.7. The Chair's role needs to be appropriately supported and resourced subject to a robust business case being approved by the Democratic Services Committee for expenditure outside of the Chair's allowance.	<p>Response to the resolution passed at Council on 13 July 2017.</p>

Relevant Policy (ies):			
Within Policy:	Y	Within Budget:	Y

Relevant Local Member(s):	
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Person(s) To Implement Decision:	Clive Pinney, Solicitor to the Council
Date By When Decision To Be Implemented:	July 2018.

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Background Papers used to prepare Report: