

MEETING	Democratic Services Committee
DATE	3 June, 2014
SUBJECT	Members' Salaries
PURPOSE	To update members on the publication requirements and the Council's plans for meeting those requirements
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1. Members' salaries are a matter of clear public interest. Of course, those salaries are set by the Independent Panel on Financial Remuneration, a fact that distances the decision on those allowances from the councillors themselves, a matter that this Council and others had been seeking for years.

2. In announcing those allowances, the Independent Panel does place responsibilities on the Council to publish the salaries paid, There are two elements to this:-

REQUIREMENT	TIMETABLE
Publish information on the salaries to be paid in 2014/15	By 31 July
Publish information on the salaries and expenses paid to members in 2013/14	By 30 September

THE PLANS FOR PUBLICATION

3. By 31 July, it is hoped that all the appointments to posts that carry an additional salary will have been made and it will therefore be possible to publish the Council's proposals by then, doing so on the Council's web-site.

4. With the information on payments made during 2013/14, the plan this year is to do so in an edition of Newyddion Gwynedd, if the timetable allows. However, there were concerns last year that the information had been published out of context.

5. The intention this year is to include a section in Newyddion Gwynedd on the work of members, explaining their work and different responsibilities amongst other issues, with the information on salaries and whether or not a member has produced an Annual Report.

OBSERVATIONS

6. The committee's views on these proposals are sought.