

Appendix B

Authority	Does the Chair of the Democratic Services Committee receive a senior salary - in 2022/23?	Is the Chair of the Democratic Services Committee likely to receive a senior salary - in 2023/24?	If a senior salary is paid, what was the basis of the decision? (eg workload)	What are the main responsibilities / workload for the Chair of the Democratic Services Committee?
Gwynedd	no	no decision	not currently being paid	3 Democratic Services Committee (DSC) meetings a year with briefing sessions prior to each meeting. Contact point for all Councillors.
Conwy	Yes	This was debated at our last DSC. The recommendation to Council is that the senior salary payment to the Chair of DSC ceases for 2023/24. This recommendation is based on the statement that no other North Wales LA pays their Chair of DSC.	Yes. Originally there was a discussion around whether a senior salary was appropriate because DSC doesn't meet as frequently as other committees.	Chairing meetings of the DSC . Also responsible for managing the forward work programme and chairing our 'Member Development and Information Forum' which meets monthly. This is open to all our elected members and whilst it isn't a public meeting there is a lot of debate, with officers, Cabinet Members, Member Champions, attending on a rotational basis to provide updates on what's current in portfolio areas, what the priorities are, focus on a specific service area and what they do within communities etc. The Chair of DSC also takes on the Member Development Champion role and is expected to attend any WLGA Network Meetings.

Ceredigion	yes	yes	The Council has 17 senior salaries. The Chair of the Democratic Services Committee is also a leader of one of the opposition groups, therefore she receives the salary for both roles	In her role as Chair of DSC - at least 3 meetings a year along with briefing sessions prior to each meeting. She is also a contact point for all Councillors on relevant matters (She is also a leader of one of the opposition groups)
Merthyr Tydfil	The post would, but the duties of the Democratic Services Committee are performed by the Corporate Support and Resources Committee (plus the Portfolio Member), so the Chair is already in receipt of an additional salary for their other post.	The position is unlikely to change in 2023/24 as we are at our limit for senior salary posts and we don't intend changing our committee structure.	We currently pay all our Chairs.	Not an excessive workload which is why we are able to co-ordinate it this way, although it is something we monitor.
Sir Ddinbych	no	no	not currently being paid	2 meetings a year (with the possibility of additional meeting). Member of the Scrutiny Chairs and vice-chairs group (meets 7 times a year). Contact point for matters within the committees work programme.

Rhondda Cynon Taf	Yes	Our Chair of DSC is paid a Senior Salary and this has always been the case since the introduction of the committee back in 2011-ish.	This is very much on the basis of work load and the seniority in which the Council views the role, including frequency and duties/meetings associated with the role outside of the calendar of committees.	
Abertawe	no	no	No payment currently being made.	3 DSC meetings per year. Heads of Democratic Services tends to be contact point for Councillors.
Blaenau Gwent	no	Unlikely - discussions have not taken place to suggest that the Chair would receive a senior salary	Not currently being paid	3/4 meetings scheduled a year including pre meeting. Contact point for the committee.
Ynys Mon	no	Not decided. Full Council will decide on senior salaries in the meeting in May.	/	Job description for the role is available on the Council's website. 4 meetings held per year, one to elect a vice chair and the other 3 being business meetings.

Pembrokeshire	no		n/a	<p>Same as you have.</p> <p>Also, the Chair is the Member champion for Learning and Development to promote and encourage take up and completion of training opportunities. Chair meets monthly with the Head of Democratic Services and Learning and Development Manager to monitor take up of training, completion of Learning Needs Analysis, and any other relevant topics.</p>
Wrexham	No	No	N/A	<p>3 Democratic Services Committee (DSC) meetings a year with briefing sessions prior to each meeting.</p> <p>Contact point for all Councillors.</p>