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Legislation



s.39- Duty to encourage local people to participate in local government decision making to include the making of decisions in partnership or in conjunction with any other person

s.40- Prepare and Publish a Strategy on encouraging people to participate (as above) and review the strategy following every local government election

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/asc/2021/1/contents>



Constitution



- The Constitution sets out;
 - how the Council operates,
 - how decisions are made,
 - and
 - the procedures that are followed to ensure that these are efficient, transparent and accountable to local people.
- The law requires some of these processes, while others are a matter for the Council to choose.
- The Constitution;
- is divided into 16 Articles, which set out the basic rules governing the Council's business. More detailed procedures and codes of practice are provided in separate rules and protocols at the end of the document
- is periodically reviewed and amended by the Council as necessary. There may be a slight delay in updating the web site version.



Constitution

Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021

- Publish Constitution that reflects new legislation
- Publish accompanying guide to the Constitution (link to Participation Strategy)
- Timeline – May 2022



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Presiding Member

- Review previous decision in the light of legislative changes, the different skill-sets required to chair “hybrid” meetings and the application for Lord Mayor status under Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Civic Honours
- Local Government Democracy (Wales) Act 2013 – power for full Council to appoint a Presiding Member (and Deputy Presiding Member) to chair Council meetings and exercise other non-executive functions
- Cannot be a member of the Executive and Presiding Member would be paid a Band 3 senior salary (£25,593 for 2022/23)
- Appointed at AGM for 12 months, subject to re-appointment
- Mayor would be free to act as the ceremonial head of the Council and to represent the Council at all civic and ceremonial functions
- Member of the Executive could also serve as the Mayor, in accordance with the seniority rules, although only one senior salary could be paid.

