



## Joint Report of the Head of Democratic Services & Monitoring Officer

Council - 2 July 2020

### Chair of Democratic Services Committee

<b>Purpose:</b>	To elect a Chair of the Democratic Services Committee.
<b>Policy Framework:</b>	Council Constitution.
<b>Consultation:</b>	Access to Services, Finance, Legal.
<b>Recommendation(s):</b>	It is recommended that:  1) Councillor L James be elected as Chair of the Democratic Services Committee.
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#### 1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 states that a Democratic Services Committee and Chair must be appointed by Council. The Committee Chair must be an Opposition Member. The Leader of the Council shall not sit on this Committee. No more than one Cabinet Member shall sit on this Committee. Co-opted Members are not permitted to sit on this Committee.
- 1.2 Councillor P M Black was Chair of the Democratic Services Committee from 19 May 2016 to 4 June 2020. On 4 June 2020 Council removed Councillor P M Black as a member of the Committee and as a result his period of Chair ceased. Councillor P M Black was subsequently elected Chair of the Scrutiny Programme Committee.

**2) Chair of the Democratic Services Committee**

2.1 The Leader of the Largest Opposition Group has indicated that they wish to nominate Councillor L James as Chair of the Democratic Services Committee.

**3. Equality and Engagement Implications**

3.1 An Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) screening process took place prior to the consultation period. The outcome indicated that it was low priority and a full report was not required.

**4. Financial Implications**

4.1 There are no financial implications associated with this report.

**5. Legal Implications**

5.1 There are no legal implications associated with this report other than those identified within it.

**Background Papers:** None

**Appendices:** None