

*These notes refer to the Local Government (Democracy) (Wales)
Act 2013 (c.4) which received Royal Assent on 30 July 2013*

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (DEMOCRACY) (WALES) ACT 2013

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 5 - Other changes to local government

Section 51 – Presiding member of principal council

69. This section amends the Local Government Act 1972 so as to allow principal councils to appoint a “presiding member”. A presiding member would be able to carry out any of the functions of a council chairman so decided by the council. In particular this provision will enable councils who wish to separate the ceremonial and civic functions associated with the council chairman or mayor from those of presiding over meetings of the council.
70. No member of the council’s executive may be the presiding member. The term of appointment is a matter for the principal council subject to the limitation that it cannot extend past the next council election.
71. A council may also appoint a deputy presiding member who, again, must not be a member of the executive.