



Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Act 2013

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PART 5

OTHER CHANGES TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Presiding members

51 Presiding member of principal council

- (1) The 1972 Act is amended as follows.
- (2) After section 24 (vice-chairman) insert—

“24A Presiding member

- (1) A principal council may determine to have a presiding member.
- (2) A presiding member is elected by the principal council from among the councillors.
- (3) The principal council may determine—
 - (a) the functions of the presiding member, and
 - (b) the term of office of the member (subject to the limits in subsection (6)).
- (4) The functions of the presiding member may, in particular, include any function of the chairman of the principal council in relation to its meetings and proceedings.
- (5) A member of the executive of a principal council may not be elected as its presiding member.
- (6) A presiding member is to continue in office until the occurrence of—

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

- (a) the presiding member’s resignation or disqualification,
- (b) a successor becoming entitled to act as presiding member,
- (c) the principal council determining not to have an office of presiding member, or
- (d) an ordinary council election under section 26.

24B Deputy presiding member

- (1) The section applies where a principal council have determined to have a presiding member.
 - (2) The principal council must appoint a member of the council to act as deputy to the presiding member (“the deputy presiding member”).
 - (3) A member of the executive of a principal council may not be appointed as the deputy presiding member.
 - (4) A deputy presiding member is to continue in office until the occurrence of—
 - (a) the deputy presiding member’s resignation or disqualification,
 - (b) a successor becoming entitled to act as deputy presiding member,
 - (c) the council determining not to have an office of presiding member, or
 - (d) an ordinary council election under section 26.
 - (5) A deputy presiding member may do anything authorised or required to be done by the presiding member.”.
- (3) After section 25A insert—

“25B Title of civic chair

- (1) This section applies where—
 - (a) a principal council have determined to have a presiding member under section 24A, and
 - (b) the chairman of the council is not entitled to the style of “mayor” or “maer”.
 - (2) The chairman of the council is entitled to the style of “civic chair” or “cadeirydd dinesig”.
 - (3) The vice-chairman of the council is entitled to the style of “civic vice-chair” or “dirprwy gadeirydd dinesig”.”.
- (4) In section 80(1) (disqualification for election and holding office as member of local authority), in paragraph (a), for “or deputy chairman” substitute “, deputy chairman, presiding member or deputy presiding member”.
- (5) In section 83(1) (declaration of acceptance of office) after “vice-chairman,” insert “presiding member, deputy presiding member,”.