

MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES – INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL

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SUMMARY: Notifies Council of the position on consultation with the Independent Remuneration Panel on changes to members' allowances discussed at Council on 21 February

RECOMMENDATIONS: (a) that Council notes the position on consultation with the Independent Remuneration Panel; and

(b) that Council makes a final decision on the matters requiring consultation with the Panel, having taken the Panel's views into account.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Council is required to take into account the views of the Independent Remuneration Panel before changes are made to allowances in the Members Allowances Scheme.

2. PROPOSALS

2.1 The changes to members' allowances discussed at Council on 21 February include a number which require consultation with the Panel before implementation. These are:

- a) the payment of £1184.51 to the Deputy Leader of the Main Opposition Group be ceased;
- b) payments of £ £3006.84 to the two Overview and Scrutiny Chairs be ceased;
- c) the payment of £3673.95 to the Planning Panel Chair be ceased
- d) the Mayors Allowance be reduced to £2000;
- e) the Deputy Mayors Allowance be reduced to £500

2.2 Consultation with the Panel has been carried out but at the time of publication of this report, full responses had not been received from all Panel members. These will be notified to Members by way of a supplementary report, or alternatively reported orally at the meeting.

3. CONCLUSIONS

3.1 Council is asked to note the position concerning consultation with the Panel, and to formally decide on the changes to allowances set out in 2.2 above.

4. STATUTORY OFFICER COMMENTS

4.1 The Monitoring Officer's comments are: Incorporated in the report

4.2 The Section 151 Officer's comments are:

4.3 EIA Comments:

4.4 Policy Framework:

List of Appendices

None

List of Background Documents: