

Council – 19th July 2010

Members Allowances' Scheme

1. Summary of report

The current scheme of members' allowances was adopted on 15th January 2007 to be implemented from the 1st April 2007 and is now required to be reviewed and a fresh scheme implemented with effect from April 2011.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Assistant Director of Legal and Constitutional Services in consultation with the Members' Working Group, be delegated authority to establish an independent panel to review the Members' Allowances Scheme.
- 2.2 That the Assistant Director of Legal and Constitutional Services obtain one nomination from each of the Group Leaders to serve on the working group referred to in 1 above.
- 2.3 That the findings of the Independent Review Panel and their recommendations be reported back to the Council.

3. Background information

- 3.1 The Council is required to implement a Members' Allowances Scheme under the provision of the Local Authority (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003.
- 3.2 The present scheme was approved by the Council on 15th January 2007 and was implemented from 1st April 2007. Under the provisions of the scheme the basic and special responsibly allowances are raised with effect from 1st April in each year from April 2008 up to and including 1st April 2010 in line with the JNC award for officers.
- 3.3 Under the present regulations it is a requirement that in preparing a scheme of allowances a Council must have regard to the recommendations of an independent panel. The panel must have a minimum membership of three.
- 3.4 Guidance on the process to be followed will be taken from the working group and on the establishment of the Independent Remuneration Panel. A report will be presented to Council containing the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel.

Background papers

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