

Report of the City Solicitor

Report to Council

Date: 2nd July 2014

Subject: Members Allowances

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Purpose of this report

1.1 This report advises Council of the receipt of a report from the Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP) on the 18th June 2014, and asks Council to consider the recommendations of the IRP in relation to the Members' Allowances Scheme.

2 Background information

2.1 Council is required to determine a Members' Allowances Scheme, having regard to recommendations from an Independent Remuneration Panel.

2.2 In determining or varying its Members' Allowances Scheme, Council may modify, accept or reject any such recommendations from the Independent Remuneration Panel as it considers appropriate.

3 Main issues

3.1 Full Council is advised that the Independent Remuneration Panel has issued a report to the Council, a copy of which is attached, which recommends amendments to the existing Members' Allowances Scheme.

4 Corporate Considerations

4.1 Consultation and Engagement

4.1.1 Group Leaders and Whips have been provided with a copy of the IRP's report and their recommendations.

4.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

4.2.1 No specific considerations

4.3 Council policies and City Priorities

4.3.1 No specific considerations

4.4 Resources and value for money

4.4.1 The recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel report amount to a saving in the region of £30k in relation to anticipated special responsibility allowance payments in 2014/15.

4.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

4.5.1 Regulations prescribe that, prior to considering amending the Members' Allowances Scheme; the authority must have regard to the recommendations by an Independent Remuneration Panel.

4.6 Risk Management

4.6.1 No specific considerations

5 Conclusions

5.1 The Independent Remuneration Panel has made a number of recommendations for changes to the Members' Allowance Scheme.

6 Recommendations

6.1 Council is asked to consider the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel as detailed in the attached report and agree that any changes approved be with effect from 3rd July 2014.

6.2 Council is asked to authorise the City Solicitor to make any consequential changes to the Members' Allowances Scheme arising from the recommendations made.

7 Background documents¹

7.1 None

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available for inspection on request for a period of four years following the date of the relevant meeting. Accordingly this list does not include documents containing exempt or confidential information, or any published works. Requests to inspect any background documents should be submitted to the report author.