



Report of the Chief Officer Democratic & Central Services

Report to Council

Date: 13th July 2011

Subject: MEMBERS ALLOWANCES

Electoral Wards Affected:

Ward Members consulted
(referred to in report)

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 This report advises Council of the receipt of a report from the Independent Remuneration Panel and asks Council to make a number of changes to the Members' Allowances Scheme.

2.0 BACKGROUND

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.

2.3 Council is advised that the Independent Remuneration Panel has published a report, a copy of which is attached.

2.4 The Administration has indicated that it would wish to recommend to Council the following response to the recommendations made by the Panel in its June report.

“That the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel Report dated June 2011 be approved and adopted subject to the following amendment:”

Recommendation (b) be rejected and removed.

2.5 In recommending this amendment, the Administration are mindful of the future transfer of Public Health functions to the Authority and feel that it is vital to retain these positions in order to maintain the flexibility that will be required in order to be able to meet the new challenges that arise as a result. They also want to avoid the need to reconvene the Panel at the time to reconsider this issue at a further cost of approximately £2,500.

2.6 The effect of the amendment is that Council would adopt the following:

“That the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel dated June 2011 be approved and adopted as follows:”

- (a) The creation of nine posts of Support Executive Members and that they be paid the same Special Responsibility Allowance as that previously paid to the Deputy Executive Members, viz £4,793.58;
- (b) The continuation of two posts of Deputy Executive Members in respect of education and children’s social services respectively, and that they each be allocated a Special Responsibility Allowance of £11,386.98;
- (c) A Special Responsibility Allowance of £8,988.19 be paid to the Chair of the Climate Change and Environmental Working Group.
- (d) The proposals in this report be implemented with effect from the start of the 2011-12 Municipal Year

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 Implementing the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel will achieve savings of £2,676.95, provided that there are no appointments to the positions of Advisory Members.

4.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 Council is asked to approve amendments to the Members’ Allowances Scheme as detailed in paragraphs 2.4 and 2.6 of this report.

4.2 Council is asked to authorise the City Solicitor to make any consequential changes to the Members’ Allowances Scheme.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Members Allowance Scheme