



Report of the Chief Democratic Services Officer

Full Council

Date: 19th July 06

Subject: Members' Allowances

Electoral Wards Affected:

Specific Implications For:

Ethnic minorities

Women

Disabled people

Narrowing the Gap

1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 This report advises Council of the receipt of a report from the Independent Remuneration Panel.

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 the attached report.

2.4 One of the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel is that the index linking of Members Allowances, which currently extends to September 2007, be extended until July 2010. Members will be aware that the budget for 2006/07 has been based on index linking not being applied in 2006. A consequence of this is that the recommendation of the Panel with regard to index linking cannot be applied in 2006. This report therefore recommends a variation to the recommendation of the Independent Remuneration Panel in this respect.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 Subject to 3.2 below Council is asked to approve the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel as detailed in the attached report.
- 3.2 Council is asked to approve recommendation (b) of the Panel with the amendment that it not be applied to 2006/07 in accordance with budgetary arrangements already approved.
- 3.2 Council is asked to authorise the Director of Legal and Democratic Services to make any consequential changes to the Members' Allowances Scheme.