
Report of the Chief Officer Democratic & Central Services

Report to Council

Date: 11th July 2012

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

Summary of main issues

1. To consider the report of the Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP).

Recommendations

2. To approve the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel report and to agree the changes to the Members' Allowance Scheme.

1 Purpose of this report

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

4 Corporate Considerations

4.1 Consultation and Engagement

- 4.1.1 All Group Whips

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 Implementing the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel report can be achieved within the existing budget for 2012/13

4.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

- 4.5.1 No specific considerations

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.
- 6.2 Council is asked to authorise the City Solicitor to make any consequential changes to the Members' Allowances Scheme.

7 Background documents¹

- 7.1 Report of Panel on Members' Allowances June 2012

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.