



CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE – 13TH NOVEMBER 2018

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL ON MEMBER ANNUAL REPORTS AND GROUP WHIPS ALLOWANCE

Purpose of the Report

1. The purpose of this report is to present the findings of the Independent Remuneration Panel and to invite the Committee to consider its content and recommendations to the County Council.

Background

2. The statutory framework for members' allowances includes the following requirements:-
 - Each local authority is required to establish and maintain an Independent Remuneration Panel with the function of providing the local authority with advice on its scheme and the amounts to be paid. Local authorities must have regard to this advice.
 - The approval of a members' allowances scheme has to be determined by the full Council and cannot be delegated to the Cabinet or a committee.

A scheme for members' allowances may be amended at any time but may only be revoked at the end of the year, i.e. 31 March. A further scheme must be available to replace the revoked scheme.

3. The Independent Remuneration Panel has recently met to review the submission of Annual Reports by Members and to review the Group Whips Allowance. Its recommendations are set out in the report which is attached as Appendix A.

Resources Implications

4. None

Equal Opportunities Implications

5. None

Recommendation

6. The Committee is asked to determine what recommendations it wishes to put forward to the County Council in response to the report of the Independent Remuneration Panel on Member Annual Reports and Group Whips Allowance.

Background Papers

None.

Circulation Under the Local Issues Alert Procedure

None.

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Appendices

Appendix A – Report of Independent Remuneration Panel