

SCHEME OF MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES 2010/11

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1. Purpose

- 1.1 To present the report of the 2009 Independent Remuneration Panel on Members' Allowances.
- 1.2 To seek agreement to a Scheme of Members' Allowances for 2010/11.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Council considers the report of the 2009 Independent Remuneration Panel.
- 2.2 That the Council approves a Scheme of Allowances, based on the recommendations of the 2009 Panel, to take effect from 1 April 2010. .

3. Issues and Choices

- 3.1 Under the terms of the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003, the Council is obliged to appoint an Independent Remuneration Panel to review, comment and advise on the level of allowances paid to Members at least every three years.
- 3.2 Following a direct approach to a number of persons who had experience in chairing independent remuneration panels, and public advertisement for local representation on the Panel, the Assistant Director (Democratic Services) appointed Dr Declan Hall from Birmingham University to Chair the Panel and Mr Gavin W H Anderson of Milton Keynes Council of Voluntary Organisations and Mr Peter Taylor, a local resident as panel members..
- 3.3 The Panel met on 4 occasions, and the final report on the Panel is attached as **Annex A** to this report.

The Scheme of Allowances for 2010/11 arising from the Panel's report is included as **Annex B** to this report.

4. Implications

- 4.1 Policy
None

4.2 Resources and Risk

The Approved Scheme will need to be within the Council's approved budget for 2010/11.

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4.3 Legal

Under the terms of the Local Government Act 2000, the Council is required to take account of the recommendations of an independent panel before fixing its level of Members' Allowances. The independent panel needs to be reconvened on a regular basis. The current panel has recommended that a further panel is convened in 2011 to reflect on the impact of the new Overview and Scrutiny system.

4.4 Other Implications

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Background Papers: Terms of Reference for the Independent Remuneration Panel on Members' Allowances.