

## AUDIT & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

28 March 2013

### REPORT OF THE SOLICITOR TO THE COUNCIL AND MONITORING OFFICER

#### REVIEW OF MEMBER'S ALLOWANCES

##### **Purpose**

To inform members of the Audit and Governance Committee of the report of the Independent Remuneration Panel and the recommendations adopted by Council on 19 March 2013 in relation thereto.

##### **Recommendation**

**That Audit and Governance Committee consider the report of the Independent Remuneration Panel and the recommendations adopted by Council on 19 March 2013.**

##### **Background Information**

At the Council Meeting on 15 December 2009 it was agreed that future reports of the Independent Remuneration Panel would be presented to the Audit and Governance Committee. The report is attached at Appendix 1.

Regulations came into force in May 2003 which requires the Council to review and adopt a scheme of allowances for members.

All Councils are required to convene an Allowances Panel and seek its advice before they make any changes or amendments to their allowance scheme and they must "pay regard" to the Panel's recommendations before setting a new or amended Members Allowances Scheme.

The Members Remuneration Panel was convened on 28 February 2013. It is a statutory requirement that a summary of the remuneration panel recommendations are published in a local newspaper.

The Council considered a report from the Solicitor to the Council and Monitoring Officer at its meeting on 19 March 2013 (attached at Appendix 2) and the recommended changes to be implemented from the date of the Annual Council meeting in 2013/14 are as summarised in the said report. The recommendations were accepted in full with the addition of amending the 'lump sum SRA' to 'Attendance Allowance'.

## **Appendices**

Appendix 1 Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel Dated March 2013

Appendix 2 Report to Council Dated 19 March 2013

*Dated 15 Mar. 13 "If Members would like further information or clarification prior to the meeting please contact Jane M Hackett Solicitor to the Council and Monitoring Officer on Ext.258"*