

# REPORT FOR DECISION

**MEETING:** THE COUNCIL

**DATE:** 18 MAY 2010

**SUBJECT:** MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES SCHEME

**REPORT FROM:** CHIEF EXECUTIVE

**CONTACT OFFICER:** CHRIS SHILLITTO, HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

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**TYPE OF DECISION:** COUNCIL DECISION

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/STATUS:** This paper is within the public domain

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**SUMMARY:** To consider the report of the Independent Remuneration Panel on the Members' Allowances Scheme.

**OPTIONS &  
RECOMMENDED OPTION**

1. That the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel as set out in Paragraph 4.0 of the report be approved.
2. To accept the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel but not implement the increased allowances.
3. To ask the Independent Remuneration Panel to consider amendments to the proposals (to be specified)
4. To reject the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel.

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**IMPLICATIONS:**

**Corporate Aims/Policy**

Do the proposals accord with the Policy

**Framework:** Framework? Not applicable

**Financial Implications and Risk Considerations:** The adoption of the revised Members' Allowances Scheme will yield a saving in the region of £70,000

**Statement by Director of Finance and E-Government:** See above

**Equality/Diversity implications:** Yes  No

**Considered by Monitoring Officer:** Yes Comments – These proposals comply with the Council Constitution

**Are there any legal implications?** No

**Staffing/ICT/Property:** Not applicable

**Wards Affected:** Not applicable

**Scrutiny Interest:** Resource and Performance Scrutiny Commission

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**TRACKING/PROCESS**

**DIRECTOR:**

Chief Executive/ Management Board	Executive Member/Chair	Ward Members	Partners
Scrutiny Commission	Executive	Committee	Council

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**1.0 BACKGROUND**

1.1 Under Consolidated Regulations for Local Authority Allowances, Independent Remuneration Panels are established by all Local Authorities to make recommendations about the level of basic allowances for all Members, the level of special responsibility allowances and to whom they should be paid, and on whether dependants' carers' allowance, travel and subsistence allowances and co-optees' allowances should be paid and the levels of these allowances.

1.2 The Independent Remuneration Panel was asked to carry out a review of the current Members' Allowance Scheme in the light of imminent constitutional changes.

The report of the Panel, containing its recommendations, is before Members for consideration.

## **2.0 CONCLUSION**

- 2.1 The Council is asked to consider the report of the Independent Remuneration Panel.

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### **List of Background Papers:-**

None

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