

Bury Council

2021 REVIEW OF MEMBER ALLOWANCES:

Independent Remuneration Panel

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DAY ONE: **DATE TBC 2021**

Contextual and background information on Bury Council & issues to consider

IRP Assemblies

IRP Convenes:

- Introductions
- Review and confirm of Terms of Reference
- Go through Schedule to agree outline of review
- Check on information pack

Briefing/Training Presentation to IRP issues arising and benchmarking Dr Declan Hall (IRP Chair)

- Reviewing Members Allowances – requirements, issues, options and the Bury model of remuneration
- Recap on how were current allowances and framework arrived at (if known)
 - Including recalibration of the Basic Allowance & SRAs
- Also including
 - Members appointed to Greater Manchester Combined Authority and its Committees
 - Benchmarking - Other Greater Manchester Authorities
- With opportunity for questions and answers

Refreshment Break

Consideration of written submissions

- Receive and consider any written submissions from Members

Officer Briefing I – The big picture/key message(s)
Geoff Little OBE - Invite Chief Executive to meet with IRP

- To give big picture/key message(s)
- Any other issues IRP needs to consider

Officer Briefing II - Review of current structures
Jacqui Denis, Director of Law & Governance & Monitoring Officer

- An overview of Bury Council and how the Council operates
- What are the main committees and roles
- What have been changes to structures and roles since previous review that may have impacted on all or some Members' roles and responsibilities with particular reference to:
 - Members appointed to Greater Manchester Transport Committee - roles
- Issues arising/everything the IRP needs to know about Bury Council and how it operates, its Members, their roles and responsibilities

Officer Briefing III - Wider Financial Context
Sam Evans – Section 151 (Treasurer) Officer

- Discuss broader financial issues
- Any other financial related issues IRP needs to consider

Lunch

Officer Briefing IV – Clarifications on operation of allowances scheme
Julie Gallagher – Head of Democratic Services

- Issues arising out of the current allowances scheme
- Further information on how Members/Committees operate

Member Interviews I

(Interviewees indicative at this stage and subject to Member availability and demand – a relatively representative range preferred) to include;-

Cllr T. Tariq Deputy Leader (Labour) & Portfolio Holder for Children, Young People & Skills

Representative sample of backbench Councillors (4) – 15 minutes a piece

- Backbench Members put forward by respective Group Leaders
- **Councillor XX (Labour)** (14:25 – 14:40)
- **Councillor XXXX (Conservative)** (14:40 – 14:55)
- **Councillor XXX (Liberal Democrat)** (14.55 – 15:10)
- **Councillor XXX (Radcliffe First)** (15.10 - 15.25)

Refreshment Break

Cllr A. Quinn - (Labour) & Portfolio Holder for Environment, Climate Changes & Operations + representative on GMCA Recycling & Waste Committee

Cllr M. Whitby - (Labour) - Chair of Audit Committee

Cllr G. McGill - (Labour) Chair of Planning Development Committee

Cllr S. Walmsley - Labour) Chair of Licensing Committee & Licensing Hearing Sub Committee

Plenary Session

- What further information (if any) does the IRP require?
- Further clarifications
- Reflections on the day

Close of Day

DAY TWO: DATE TBC 2021

**Main Interviews with Members
Arriving at Recommendations**

Reassemble IRP

Reconvene IRP

- Review of further info that may have been called for
- Check interview schedule and confirm questions/interviewing process

Member Interviews II

Cllr N. Jones – Leader Main (Conservative) Opposition Group

Cllr M. Powell – Leader Other (Liberal Democrat) Opposition Group

Cllr J. Mason – Leader Other (Radcliffe First) Opposition Group

Cllr T. Holt – Labour Group Whip, Deputy Mayor & Chair Health Scrutiny

Cllr R. Bernstein – (Conservative) Chair Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Refreshment Break

Cllr LJ Dean - Conservative Group Whip

Cllr T. Pickstone - (Liberal Democrat) Mayor & Chair Standards Committee

Cllr K. Peel - (Labour) Deputy Cabinet Member Environment, Climate Change & Operations + representative on GMCA Transport Committee

Lunch Break

Cllr E. O'Brien - Leader of Council and Labour Group & Portfolio Holder for Finance & Growth, Member Greater Manchester Combined Authority

Arriving at recommendations

Refreshment Break

Arriving at recommendations (continued)

Close of IRP

Post IRP **Chair to write up draft report based on agreed recommendations for IRP to agree either in further meeting (via MS Teams?) or via email by a date to be confirmed 2021.**