



<b>REPORT OF:</b>	<b>CHIEF EXECUTIVE</b>
<b>TO:</b>	<b>COUNCIL FORUM</b>
<b>ON:</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> October 2017</b>

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## **INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL AND MEMBERS ALLOWANCES 2018/19.**

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### **1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

For Council Forum to consider recommendations relating to the Independent Remuneration Panel for 2018 onwards.

### **2. BACKGROUND**

#### **Independent Remuneration Panel**

Council should note that it has been several years since the Council refreshed the Independent Remuneration Panel and recruited members to it. Accordingly Council is now asked to agree that, in accordance with the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003 (as amended), recruitment to a refreshed panel is undertaken as soon as possible, (with an invite to existing members to reapply should they wish to continue).

Regulation 20 of the above provides that the panel must be independent, consisting of at least three members none of whom:

“(a) is also a member of an authority in respect of which it makes recommendations or is a member of a committee or sub-committee of such an authority; or

(b) is disqualified from being or becoming a member of an authority. “

#### **Members Allowances Scheme**

In accordance with the requirements of the above Regulations, the Council should regularly refresh and adopt a Members Allowances Scheme for monthly payments made to Councillors. It should be noted that consideration will also need to be given to the revised roles and responsibilities of elected Members when the Local Government Boundary Commission for England's (LGBCE) recommendations to reduce the number of wards and councillors are introduced from 2018. It is likely that Members will give further consideration to this matter in Council over the coming months and that this can be considered by the panel once the recruitment has been completed and the new panel is established. The panel will then make recommendations back to Council for consideration.

**3. RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. That Council agrees to commence the process to recruit and appoint members to a refreshed Independent Remuneration Panel for 2018 onwards in accordance with the Regulations.

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5<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

Background Papers:

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