



Council

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**Matter for
Information**

Title: **Appointment of Member to Independent Remuneration Panel**

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1 Introduction

The purpose of this report is to update Members about the appointment of a replacement Member to the Independent Remuneration Panel.

2 Recommendations

That the appointment of the new Independent Panel Member be noted and endorsed.

3 Information

The Council has its own Independent Remuneration Panel that makes recommendations to the Council on allowances to be paid to elected members in accordance with legal requirements.

The panel is made up of independent persons who are appointed to ensure that the setting of members' allowances is open to robust, independent and local scrutiny and is accountable and transparent to local people.

Each year the panel produces a report that makes recommendations for the Council to consider in regard to:

- the level of basic allowance for all members
- the categories of special responsibility for which a special responsibility allowance (SRA) should be paid
- the rate of childcare/ dependency allowance
- travel and subsistence allowance
- annual uplift

Following the decision of a Member to stand down from the Panel, an exercise has been undertaken to recruit a new Member to join the Panel by advertising the position on the Council's website and public noticeboard at the Council Offices.

The Council received one expression of interest as a result of the exercise from a retired senior public servant and serving magistrate. The Panel is satisfied that the applicant has the credentials to complement the existing Members.

The Panel Membership is:

Mr Laurie Faulkner (Chairman – Existing Member)

Mr David Wood (Existing Member)

Mr John Whiting (New Member)

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Background Papers:- The Local Authorities (Members Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003

Implications	
Financial (PL)	No significant implications
Risk	No significant implications
Equalities (KG)	The application process was open to all.
Legal (KG)	The Council has a duty to consider the advice of the Independent Remuneration Panel in determining the Members Allowances.