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Ward (s) affected	N/A
Subject	Appointment of the Independent Remuneration Panel
Recommendation	
That the Council authorises the Corporate Head of Service with responsibility for Democratic and Legal Services, to appoint the members of the Independent Remuneration Panel.	
The Council has the authority to determine the Recommendations	

1. Background

- 1.1 Members Allowances were last reviewed by an Independent Remuneration Panel in 2013/2014, with the final report considered by Council on 18th February 2014. As the Council has a duty to review its Member Allowances every four years a new Independent Remuneration Panel needs to be established to undertake this review later in the year.
- 1.2 In order to convene the Panel, Council approval granting authority to the Corporate Head of Service to appoint the members of the Panel is now sought.
- 1.3 For information, an Independent Remuneration Panel comprises of three members and one member of the previous panel is available this year, meaning two new members will need to be appointed. It is hoped that the first meeting of the Independent Remuneration Panel will take place in late 2017.

Financial Implications

- 1.4 None from the consideration of this report, although any recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel following its review of Members Allowances may lead to future budgetary implications.

Legal Implications

- 1.5 Under the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003, the authority is under a duty to make a scheme for each year for the payment of Member's basic and other allowances. A scheme may be amended at any time but may only be revoked and replaced with a new scheme with effect from the beginning of a year. A scheme may make provision for an annual adjustment of allowances by reference to such index as may be specified by the authority and, where the only change made to a scheme in any year is an annual adjustment in accordance with such index, the scheme shall be deemed not to have been amended. Where an authority has regard to an index for the purpose of annual adjustment of allowances it

must not rely on that index for longer than a period of four years before seeking a further recommendation from an Independent Remuneration Panel. A further recommendation is therefore required from this Panel.

2. Corporate Implications

Monitoring Officer commentary

The Monitoring Officer is satisfied that all relevant legal implications have been taken into account

S151 Officer commentary

The S151 Officer is satisfied that all relevant legal implications have been taken into account

Risk Implications

None from the consideration of this report

Equalities Implications

Allowances are paid to ensure no members of the public are deterred from standing to become Councillors.

Employment Issues

None

Sustainability Issues

None

Consultation

None

Communications

None

Background Papers

None