

**COUNCIL**  
**13 JULY 2017****REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL  
ON COUNCILLORS' ALLOWANCES**

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**Recommendation**

1. **The Head of Legal and Democratic Services recommends that,:**
  - (a) **the Council considers the report of the Independent Remuneration Panel; and**
  - (b) **the Head of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to amend the scheme of Councillors' allowances in the light of the decision at (a) above.**

**Background**

2. The Council appoints a statutory Panel to advise and recommend the level of allowances for members. Council itself decides the members' allowances scheme and any amendments to it, having regard to the Independent Remuneration Panel's (IRP's) report.
3. Council considered and endorsed an interim report in September 2015 and agreed at that time to consider a further report on the allowances scheme.
4. The report makes a number of recommendations for increases to allowances. If the Council accepts all of these it would increase the amount spent on basic and special responsibility allowances by £18,500 in a full year. The total budget for members' allowances and other support for 2017/18 is £983,700.

**Supporting Information**

Appendix - Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel July 2017.

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## **Background Papers**

In the opinion of the Proper Officer (in this case the Head of Legal & Democratic Services) there are no background papers relating to the subject matter of this report.