

AGENDA CLASSIFICATION OPEN		AGENDA ITEM 5	
REPORT TO	INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL	DATE	4 APRIL 2003
FROM	DIRECTORATE: SECTION:	CABINET MEMBERS SERVICES	
WARD	BOROUGH WIDE		

SUBJECT: PROGRESS REPORT

1. Details of Exempt Information Category
Not applicable.
2. Purpose of the Report and Summary.
To update Members of the Independent Remuneration Panel on progress made to date.
3. Key Decision
Not applicable.
4. RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Independent Remuneration Panel note the progress to date and agree the next phase of its work.

5. Background
At its meeting on 10 December 2002 the Panel agreed to invite the following Members to assist with its research into the various roles and responsibilities of Members:

Councillors Cook, Hamilton, James, Kite, Leadbeater, Lawson, May, J I Muckle, Mrs Muckle, Prout, Read, V Stock. These Members were all interviewed between 6 January 2003 and 17 January 2003 and provided detailed information and personal views and comment to the Panel.

Additionally, all Members were invited to express their views in respect of the Members allowances and written submissions have been received.

The Panel also carried out research into other schemes operated by local authorities which included information received from Ashford Borough Council, Gravesham Borough Council, Hertsmere Borough Council, Kent County Council, London Borough of Bexley, Borough of Spelthorpe and Thanet District Council.

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The Panel also asked that additional research be carried out in respect of travel costs within the Borough and various earning indices and this will be reported at the meeting.

6. Financial Implications
None specifically.
7. Legal Implications
None specifically.
8. Staffing and Other Administrative Implications
None specifically.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

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IRP Progress Report	March 2003		Deborah Lennen-Wood Ext. 3960	Not applicable.