

AGENDA CLASSIFICATION OPEN		AGENDA ITEM 4	
REPORT TO	INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL	DATE	14 MAY 2003
FROM	DIRECTORATE: CENTRAL SERVICES DIVISION: FINNACIAL SERVICES		
WARD	BOROUGH WIDE		

SUBJECT: A REVIEW OF MEMBERS ALLOWANCES

1. Details of Exempt Information Category  
Not applicable
2. Purpose of the Report and Summary.  
To consider the draft report on the review of Members' Allowances and make recommendations to the General Assembly of the Council (GAC).
3. Key Decision  
Not applicable
4. RECOMMENDATION
  - 4.1 That members of the panel consider the draft report and agree it subject to any further amendments.
  - 4.2 That the report be referred to the General Assembly of the Council for consideration.
5. Background  
The Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP) was set up by the GAC under the Local Government Act 2000 to make recommendations to the authority about the allowances paid to elected members. The first meeting of the panel was on 29 November 2002 and it has met formally twice since and informally on numerous occasions.
6. Discussion
  - 6.1 Members are asked to consider the draft report attached to this report, make any further amendments and then refer it to the GAC for consideration.
  - 6.2 In April 2003 the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister published the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003. These consolidate all previous regulations and also include new regulations. These place additional duties on the IRP. This will be reported to the GAC at its next ordinary meeting and the IRP may

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be requested to consider issues from the new regulations. A copy of the regulations will be given to the panel at the meeting on 14 May 2003.

7. Financial Implications  
None as a result of this report.
8. Legal Implications  
None specifically.
9. Staffing and Other Administrative Implications  
None specifically.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

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IRP final rep	May 2003		S J Brooks	N/A