

AGENDA CLASSIFICATION OPEN		AGENDA ITEM 4	
REPORT TO	INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL	DATE	3 SEPTEMBER 2003
FROM	DIRECTORATE: CENTRAL SERVICES DIVISION:		
WARD	BOROUGH WIDE		

SUBJECT: MEMBERS ALLOWANCES – TRAVEL, SUBSITENCE, PENSION ENTITLEMENT AND CO-OPTees ALLOWANCES

1. Details of Exempt Information Category
Not applicable.
2. Purpose of the Report and Summary.
To consider the draft report which brings together the Panel's deliberations on these matters.
3. Key Decision
Not applicable.
4. RECOMMENDATION

That the Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP or Panel) consider the draft report attached as Appendix A and agrees or amends as necessary prior to its submission to the General Assembly of the Council on 24 September 2003.

5. Background
 - 5.1 The 2003 Regulations make provision through the recommendations of the IRP for the payment of travel and subsistence allowances and a co-optees allowance. In addition, provision may be made for pension entitlement for Members.
 - 5.2 The IRP was asked by the Council at its Annual Meeting to consider these issues, and report back to the Council so that any amendments to the scheme may be adopted by 30 September 2003.
6. Discussion
 - 6.1. The Panel has met, both formally and informally, during June and July to consider the further matters referred to it by the Council.

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- 6.2. The Panel requested expert advice on the matter of pensions and commissioned various research regarding travel and subsistence. Additionally, the Panel invited all Members to submit written views on the matters under consideration.
- 6.3. At its meeting on 18 July 2003, the Panel considered all of the evidence and submissions received and finalised its views on each of the matters under consideration. The draft report setting out its evidence, findings and recommendations is attached as Appendix A.
7. Financial Implications
None specifically.
8. Legal Implications
None specifically.
9. Staffing and Other Administrative Implications
None specifically.
10. Conclusion
Members are referred to paragraph 4 above.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

<u>Short Title of Document</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>File Ref</u>	<u>Contact Officer</u>	<u>Exempt Information Category</u>
Members Allowances – Travel, subsistence etc	3/9 2003		S. Green Ext 3125 S. Brooks Ext 3317	Not applicable