

# DARTFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

## INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL

**MINUTES** of the meeting of the Independent Remuneration Panel held on 3 September 2003.

**PRESENT:**           **Mr A Murdoch (Chairman)**  
                          **Mr D Higgs (Vice Chairman)**  
                          **Reverend M Cooper**  
                          **Mr A Thrussell**

### **10. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None received.

### **11. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Having sought advice from the Director of Central Services, Mr A Thrussell declared a Private Interest in Agenda Item 4 as he is a Member of the Local Government Pension Scheme.

### **12. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18 JULY 2003**

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes be confirmed as a true record.

### **13. MEMBERS ALLOWANCES – TRAVEL, SUBSISTENCE, PENSION ENTITLEMENT AND CO-OPTEE ALLOWANCES.**

RESOLVED:

That the draft report be agreed, to include the amendments below, and be submitted to the General Assembly of Council on 24 September 2003.

#### **2. Summary of Recommendations**

*2.1 That for travel outside the Borough on official duties Members should be paid the same travel allowances that officers of the Council are entitled to claim.*

*2.4 That any representative of the Council on an outside body, who is not a Councillor, should be entitled to claim travel*

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*allowances at the same rate as applies to officers of the Council.*

**4.3 Co-optees allowance**

*At present there are no co-opted Members on the Council and, in the absence of any criteria for appointment of co-opted members or any assessment of their likely role or time commitment, the IRP therefore found it difficult to make any recommendations to the Council as to a specific allowance for co-opted Members. However, the IRP came to the view that the Council should consider each co-optee appointment separately but should use the same methodology as recommended by the IRP for the calculation of the basic allowance for elected Members.*

The meeting ended at 11.10 am

**A Murdoch  
Chairman**