

DARTFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL

MINUTES of the meeting of the Independent Remuneration Panel held on 28 September 2004.

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

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED:

That Mr A Murdoch be Chairman and Mr D Higgs be Vice-Chairman for the second year of the Panels term.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from The Head of Finance and Resources, Mr S Brooks who had arranged for the Head of Legal Services, Mrs M Kelly-Stone to attend in his place.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr A Thrussell declared a Private Interest in Agenda Item 5 as he is a Member of the Local Government Pension Scheme.

4. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 3 SEPTEMBER 2003

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes be confirmed as a true record.

5. ALLOWANCES FOR INDEPENDENT MEMBERS/PERSONS ON THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

The Chairman introduced the report.

RESOLVED:

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1. That the Independent Members/Persons on the Standards Committee be paid an annual allowance based on the estimated time commitment for meetings and training paid at the same rate as allowed in the calculation of the basic allowance (i.e. £11 per hour in 2003/04, increased to £11.28 in 2004/05).
2. That the estimated average annual time commitment be considered to be in the region of 44 hours, giving an annual allowance of £500.
3. That an allowance of £11.28 per hour be paid for attendance at investigation hearings
4. That the allowances be increased annually in line with any index applied to Members' Allowances generally.
5. That allowances for other co-optees be referred to the Panel for consideration as and when any appointments are considered.
6. That the recommendations referred to in paras. 1-4 above be submitted to the General Assembly of the Council for consideration and approval.

The meeting ended at 11.11 am

A Murdoch
Chairman