

Meeting date: 24 March 2021
Report to: Governance Committee



Subject/report title: **INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL REVIEW OF SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY ALLOWANCES FOR MINORITY GROUP LEADERS**

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1. Purpose of Report

1.1 To consider the report of the Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP) and make recommendations to Council in respect of the Special Responsibility Allowances for minority political group leaders in the Council's Members' Allowances Scheme.

2. Decision(s) recommended

The Committee is requested to make recommendations to Council in respect of the Special Responsibility Allowances in the Council's Members' Allowances Scheme.

3. Matters for Consideration

3.1 In accordance with the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003 the Council is required to make a scheme for the payment of Allowances to Members. In doing so the Council must have regard to the report of its Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP).

3.2 Following receipt of the Independent Remuneration Panel's report and recommendations for the payment of Members' Allowances for 2020-21 and 2021-22 in March this year, the Governance Committee requested a further review of the Special Responsibility Allowances payable to the leaders of the minority political groups.

3.3 The report of the Independent Remuneration Panel on this aspect of the Members' Allowances Scheme is attached at appendix A.

3.4 Financial implications:

3.5 The recommendation of the Independent Remuneration Panel is that the existing Scheme of Members Allowances remains unchanged therefore there are no financial implications arising

from this recommendation.

3.6 Legal implications:

3.6.1 The Council has a legal obligation to have regard to the recommendations of an Independent Remuneration Panel before setting a Scheme of Members' Allowances.

4. List of appendices referred to

4.1 Appendix A – Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP), December 2020.

5. Background papers used to compile this report

5.1 None