

**To the Chair and Members of the  
COUNCIL**

**INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL APPOINTMENTS**

1. The purpose of this report is to seek authority for the appointment of 3 new members to the Council's Independent Remuneration Panel.

**EXEMPT REPORT**

2. No.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

3. Council is recommended to:-
  - (i) Approve the appointment of Edward Laud, Derek Morris and Rosemary Young as members of the Independent Remuneration Panel;
  - (ii) Note that continuation of Mr Keith Marriott and Mr Ranjan Talukder as Independent Remuneration Panel members; and
  - (iii) Approve the payment of £150 to the Chair of the Remuneration Panel for drafting and presenting the Remuneration Panel report and recommendations to Council on level of allowances.

**WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR THE CITIZENS OF DONCASTER?**

4. Citizens are made aware that the levels of allowances paid to Elected Members are recommended by a Panel, Independent of the Council. Should the Council not support the recommendations of the Independent Panel, it is required to publically specify the reasons why.

**BACKGROUND**

5. The Council has a duty to have an Independent Remuneration Panel comprising a minimum of 3 members. The purpose of the Panel is to make recommendations as to the levels of allowances and expenses for members and co-optees of Doncaster Council. The Panel also acts as the parish remuneration panel for all parish and town councils within the Borough.

Following the resignation of Mr Ray Maslam, the Panel now has only 2 members, Mr Keith Marriott and Mr Ranjan Talukder.

Applications have been received from Mr Edward Laud, Mr Derek Morris and Rosemary Young. All applicants currently assist the Council in determining School Education appeals and possess the skills and attributes required to join the Independent Remuneration Panel.

## OPTIONS CONSIDERED

6. (A) Support the recommendations set out at paragraph 3 of this report. (RECOMMENDED OPTION)
- (B) To appoint the statutory minimum of 3 members only reduces flexibility and in the absence of all 3 members being available it would not be possible to undertake reviews of the Member Allowance Scheme.

## REASONS FOR RECOMMENDED OPTION

7. Legislation requires a minimum of 3 members for each review. Extending the Panel membership to 5 members increases flexibility to ensure that all Panel meetings are quorate.

## IMPACT ON THE COUNCIL'S KEY PRIORITIES

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	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Implications</b>
	We will provide strong leadership and governance, working in partnership.	The proposals in this report comply with statutory requirements for considering revisions to the scheme of member allowances.

## RISKS AND ASSUMPTIONS

9. There are no specific risks associated with this report. Legislation requires a minimum of 3 members to sit on the Panel.

## LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

10. Under the Local Authorities (Members Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003, the Council is required to establish and maintain an Independent Remuneration Panel comprising a minimum of 3 individuals. The purpose of the Panel is to review the existing scheme of allowances, including the special responsibility allowances, paid to members and to make recommendations to the Council on the appropriate level of payments to be made in the future. The Panel also acts as the parish remuneration panel for all parish and town councils within the borough, making recommendations as to the level of basic and chairman's allowances and expenses for parish and town councillors.

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

11. Panel members will receive out of pocket expenses and the Chair of the Panel will receive an additional payment of £150. These costs will be met from existing budgets.

## EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

12. There are no specific equality implications associated with this report.

## CONSULTATION

13. There has been no external consultation on the content of this report.

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

14. Application forms (exempt) - contains information as described in Paragraph 1 (information in relation to an individual) of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 act, as amended.

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