

INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL

Minutes of a meeting held at the Council Offices, Narborough

MONDAY, 2 JULY 2007

Present:-

Mr J.C. Dodd

Dr B.W. Kiernan
(Chairman)

Mr B. North

Officers present:-

Mrs E.M. Read
Mr A.J. Shilliam

- Democratic Services Manager
- Senior Democratic Services Officer

Also in attendance:-

Cllr. J.A. Dilks

Apologies:-
(none)

8. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 26 March 2007, as circulated, were approved and signed as a correct record.

9. MEMBERS ALLOWANCES

Considered – report of the Democratic Services Manager.

The Democratic Services Manager reminded the panel that the recommendations to Council made previously by the Panel have been referred back and that further consideration should be given to the Deputy Group Leader Special Responsibility Allowance and the request that a Carers Allowance element be provided for within the Part 6 (Members Allowance scheme) of the Constitution.

Recommendations to Council

1. That all Special Responsibility Allowances be index linked in line with the staff pay award with effect from 1st April 2007, to be reviewed in October 2007.
2. That a maximum of 2 Special Responsibility Allowances only can be claimed by any Councillor.
3. That an allowance of £25 be paid to members of the Development Control Committee where there are afternoon site visits that they attend prior to the meeting, with effect from 1 January 2007.
4. An allowance based on attendance was considered but this was determined to be too onerous to administer and was the reason the scheme was altered previously.
5. In relation to the provision of IT for Councillors, this matter is being considered as part of the review of Member Support.
6. That the Special Responsibility Allowance relating to the Cabinet Executive Portfolio Holder including Finance be abolished.
7. That the Special Responsibility Allowance relating to the Deputy Leader of the Council is increased to £1,500.
8. That the roles of Junior Cabinet Member and Member Champion be merged, resulting in a Special Responsibility Allowance for Junior Cabinet Member/Member Champion of £2,000. To be reviewed in January 2008.
9. That no change be made to the Special Responsibility Allowance for Chair of the Scrutiny Commission.
10. That no change be made to the Special Responsibility Allowance for Leader of the Council. This allowance will be reviewed in October 2007.
11. That no change be made to the Special Responsibility Allowance of Deputy Leader of the Minority Groups.
12. That, Part 6, point 4 (Members Allowances – Travel and Subsistence Allowance) of the Constitution be updated to include a provision which allows, where reasonably necessary, and disabled Member to enlist the assistance of a Carer to get to and from Council business as identified within Part 6, point 4 (Members Allowances – Travel and Subsistence).

THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 5.35 P.M.