

## **INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL**

Minutes of a meeting held at the Council Offices, Narborough

**THURSDAY, 4 FEBRUARY 2016**

### **Present:-**

Dr B.W. Kiernan

Mr S. Knott

Mr B. North

### **Officers present:-**

Mr Colin Jones	- Corporate Services Group Manager
Mrs Louisa Horton	- Democratic Services, Scrutiny and Governance Manager
Mrs Sandeep Tienasa	- Senior Democratic Services Officer

### **Also in attendance:-**

Cllr. Adrian Clifford, Cllr. Lindsey Dracup, Cllr. David Freer, Cllr. Tony Greenwood

## 1. **COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATIONS**

The Panel heard verbal representations from the following Members:

- Cllr. David Freer
- Cllr. Lindsey Dracup
- Cllr. Tony Greenwood
- Cllr. Adrian Clifford

A representation from Cllr. Geoff Welsh had also been received as he was unable to attend the meeting.

The Chairman asked all elected Members to leave the room once all representations had been heard to allow the Panel to consider its recommendations.

## 2. **REPRESENTATION FROM THE CONSERVATIVE GROUP**

The Panel considered the written representation from the Conservative Group.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL**

That the Basic Allowance for all elected Members be increased from £4,093 to £4,593.

Reasons:

1. The Panel were sympathetic to the representations put forward by Members that IT equipment was required and paid for from their allowance, to assist them in their role. In particular it was noted that some had opted for a tablet which required Members to reimburse the Council, through the Basic Allowance.
2. The Panel also considered regulations laid by the Government, which meant that local Councillors were no longer eligible to join the Local Government Pension Scheme and as such considered that a payment should be made to assist Councillors in securing alternative provision for the future.

## 3. **MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL**

It was agreed that the recommendations of the Panel from 27<sup>th</sup> October 2015 and 4<sup>th</sup> February 2016 be submitted for consideration to the meeting of Council on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2016.

**THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 5.50 P.M.**

