

From GOVERNANCE & AUDIT & STANDARDS COMMITTEE held on 3 March 2017

Council Agenda Item 11 (Governance & Audit & Standards Committee minute 26)

Members' Allowances Review (Stage 1 Review)

The Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP) met on 23 February 2017 (see attached for membership) and decided to adopt a two stage approach to the review of Members' Allowances.

The first stage was to make a recommendation to Council (via Governance & Audit & Standards Committee) to continue to apply to Members' Allowances the index linked arrangement with Portsmouth City Council staff pay awards.

The Panel also decided to review generally the Members' Allowances scheme over the Spring and Summer of 2017 with a view to making further recommendations (via Governance & Audit & Standards Committee) to a future Council meeting.

RECOMMENDED to Council that the first stage (to continue to apply to Members' Allowances the index-linked arrangement with Portsmouth City Council staff pay awards) be adopted at the Council meeting on 21 March 2017.

Note -

The Regulations state that where an authority has regards to an index for the purpose of an annual adjustment of allowances it must not rely on the index for longer than a period of 4 years before seeking a further recommendation from the Independent Remuneration Panel established in respect of the authority on the application of an index to its scheme. The current 4 year period expires on 31 March 2017.

Independent Remuneration Panel - 2017

Membership and attendance at 23 February 2017 meeting

Walter Cha	(Partner at Blake Morgan) - Chaired the meeting
Ms Bernie Topham	(Chief Operating Officer - Portsmouth University)
Keith Greenfield	(CEO of Wightlink Ferries)
Michael Dyer	(Director, Head of Business Law, Verisona)
Sue Dovey	(Chief Executive, Action Hampshire)
Mark Waldron	(Editor, The News) (apologies)