

Recommendations to the Council

Members' Allowances Scheme - Independent Remuneration Panel Report

1. The County Council is required to establish and maintain an Independent Remuneration Panel to provide advice and recommendations to the Council on its Members' Allowances Scheme. Any decision on the nature and level of allowances are a matter for the full Council, but the Council must have regard to any recommendations submitted by the Independent Remuneration Panel before establishing or amending the Members' Allowances Scheme. The Panel meets each year to consider the recommendations to be made to the Council in respect of the level and nature of the forthcoming year's allowances.

The Independent Remuneration Panel's report of April 2024, including recommendations on the Members' Allowances Scheme for 2024/25, is attached.

Recommend – That (a) the Independent Remuneration Panel report be received.

(b) if the Council are minded to support the recommendations of the panel:

- (i) the Members' Allowance Scheme within the Council's Constitution be amended to include rules regarding use of toll roads by elected members.