

TRAFFORD COUNCIL

Report to: Council
Date: 15th July 2015
Report for: Decision
Report of: Chief Executive

Report Title

Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel

Summary

In accordance with the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003 the Panel was convened to make recommendations to the Council in relation to amendments to the Scheme of Members' allowances.

The recommendations of the Panel and are appended at appendix 1 to this report for consideration by the Council.

Recommendation(s)

1. The Council is asked to consider the recommendations of the Panel as set out in the report at Appendix 1.
2. That the Director of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to make any revisions to Part 6 of the Constitution (Members Allowances Scheme) as a consequence of the decisions of the Council.

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Background Papers:

Email to IRP Members – 12 June 2015 and responses.

Implications

Relationship to Policy Framework/Corporate Priorities	N/A
Financial	The report recommends allowances totalling £9379. The Council's approved budget includes provision for this.

Legal Implications:	The Council is required to request an Independent Remuneration Panel to make recommendations about allowances for Members. The Council is required to give notice of a receipt of a report from a Panel and that it is about to make or amend a scheme. Notice of the receipt of a report was given on the 9 th July 2015.
Equality/Diversity Implications	None
Sustainability Implications	None
Staffing/E-Government/Asset Management Implications	None
Risk Management Implications	None
Health and Safety Implications	None

Report

1 Introduction

In accordance with the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003 the Panel was convened in June 2015 to make recommendations to the Council in relation to amendments to the Scheme of Members' allowances.

The independent panel comprised:

- Mr. Ralph Rudden, Voluntary Sector
- Sir Bill Moorcroft, Trafford College; and
- Mr Chris Fletcher, Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce

The purpose was to consider the remuneration for the new Lead Member and Shadow Lead Member roles for the Integration of Health and Social Care which were established at the Annual Meeting on the 28 May 2015.

The Panel had previously recommended that Lead Member roles established in 2014 receive a Special Responsibility Allowance of £7,789 for the Lead Member and £1,590 for the Shadow Lead Member.

2. The Panel's Findings

The Panel reviewed the Terms of Reference for the Lead Member portfolio to understand the workload and the scope of the role. They noted that the roles will be important given the devolution agenda in Greater Manchester and the importance of the issue for Trafford Council. They concluded that it would be consistent to treat them in the same way as the other Lead and Shadow Lead roles.

3. Recommendations

The Panel recommend

1. That the Scheme of Members' Allowances for Trafford Council be amended to include a Special Responsibility Allowance of £7,789 for the Lead Member for the Integration of Health and Social Care and £1,590 for the Shadow Lead Member.
2. That the allowances be backdated to the date of appointment of 28 May 2015.