

## TRAFFORD COUNCIL

**Report to:** Council  
**Date:** 17 September 2014  
**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 are attached at Appendix 1 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.

### Contact person for access to background papers and further information:

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### Background Papers:

Agenda, reports and minutes of meetings of IRP held on 13<sup>th</sup> March, 16<sup>th</sup> June and 9<sup>th</sup> September 2014.

### Implications

Relationship to Policy Framework/Corporate Priorities	N/A
Financial	The recommendations in the report if agreed would result in annual savings of £35,528.
Legal Implications:	The Council is required to request an Independent Remuneration Panel to make recommendations about allowances for Members.
Equality/Diversity Implications	None

Sustainability Implications	None
Staffing/E-Government/Asset Management Implications	None
Risk Management Implications	None
Health and Safety Implications	None

## **Report**

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The independent panel comprised:

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

The report of the Panel is contained at Appendix 1 and recommends the following:

### **Greater Manchester Combined Authority Allowance**

- a) That a Special Responsibility Allowance of £9,385 is paid to the Leader in respect of their appointment to the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) and the workload associated with this role.
- b) That the Council agree that the restriction in section 4 (1) of the scheme that any second Special Responsibility Allowance (SRA) is paid at the rate of 50% be not applied made in relation to this allowance.
- c) That this allowance be backdated to the 1 April 2014.

### **Lead Members and Shadow Lead Members**

- d) That an allowance of £7,621 be paid to the Lead Member for Safeguarding and to the Lead Member for Trust Development
- e) That an allowance of £1,556 be paid to the Shadow Lead Member for Safeguarding and to the Shadow Lead Member for Trust Development.
- f) That these allowances be backdated to the 11 June 2014.

### **Scrutiny Topic Group Chairmen**

- g) That the Allowance for the role of Scrutiny Topic Group Chairman be removed from the Members Allowances Scheme.

### **Neighbourhood Forum Chairmen**

- h) That the allowance for Neighbourhood Forum Chairman be removed from the Members Allowances Scheme

### **Regulation 33 Visits**

- i) That the Allowance for Regulation 33 visits be increased to £600 (£50 per visit)

## Administrative Issues

- j) That the scheme be amended to reflect changes arising from the end of the local government pension scheme for Members (section 14) and from the Localism Act which abolishes the power to withhold allowances (section 9).