

**MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES**

*To:* County Council

*Date:* 27th March 2012

*From:* Monitoring Officer

*Purpose:* To formally receive the report of the 2012 review of Members' Allowances prepared by the Independent Remuneration Panel and to thank the panel members for their work in producing the recommendations contained within their report.

To consider the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel and determine the provisions of the Scheme of Members' Allowances for Cambridgeshire County Council with effect from the 1st April 2012.

*Recommendation:* It is recommended that Full Council:

- (a) receives the report on Members' Allowances prepared by the Independent Remuneration Panel;
- (b) resolves to accept the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel and implement those provisions as the Scheme of Members' Allowances for Cambridgeshire County Council, with effect from the 1st of April 2012;
- (c) formally revokes the existing Members' Allowances Scheme with effect from 31st March 2012; and
- (d) authorises the Head of Democratic & Members' Services to implement the new scheme effective 1st April 2012 to reflect the outcome of the Council's deliberations and to take any consequential action arising therefrom.

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## Background

1. Local authorities are legally obliged to establish a scheme of allowances for their elected members. The regulations governing this set out a range of requirements in relation to the content of the scheme itself and to the process by which councils should follow when making their schemes of allowances.
2. One of the key requirements of the process is that the council must, before determining the content of its scheme of allowances, have considered the report of an Independent Remuneration Panel, established for this purpose.
3. The Cambridgeshire County Council Independent Remuneration Panel, in anticipation of this matter being brought before Full Council, has recently deliberated upon and made recommendations as to the scheme of allowances for elected members of Cambridgeshire County Council. The recommendations of the panel and rationale underlying them are contained in the attached report.
4. As required, the report has been prepared by an independent panel of people drawn from across the community within Cambridgeshire. Considerable efforts have been made to enable people to provide their views about the allowances paid to elected members and the main recommendations have been published in the local press.
5. Full Council is now required to make a new scheme of allowances having considered the attached recommendations.
6. It is open to Full Council to accept the recommendations of the panel in full, in part or to amend them entirely to create a different scheme altogether or remake the existing scheme. However, Full Council is legally obliged to make a scheme.

<b>Source Documents</b>	<b>Location</b>
Report by the Cambridgeshire County Council Independent Remuneration Panel - A Review of Members' Allowances	Jim Milne RES1109, Shire Hall, Castle Hill, Cambridge, CB3 0AP 01223 715364