

Birmingham City Council

Council Business Management Committee

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Subject: Independent Remuneration Panel - Membership
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1 Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report seeks the re-appointment of one of the appointed members of the Independent Remuneration Panel.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Council's Business Management Committee appoints the following person to the Independent Remuneration Panel as follows:

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term of Office</u>	
Sajid Shaikh	1 September 2020 – 31 August 2021	<i>Re-appointment</i>

3 Background

- 3.1 Councillors receive allowances to support them in carrying out their work as elected representatives. The amount of the allowance for the various Councillor roles is decided by the City Council. In taking this decision, the Council must consider a report from an Independent Remuneration Panel.
- 3.2 The Panel was established by the City Council at its meeting on 2nd July 2001. Current membership consists of:
- Four Citizen Representatives;

- Two appointed panel members;
- Two co-opted panel members drawn from former Councillors of the City Council who are no longer Members of the Council.

4 Options considered and Recommended Proposal

- 4.1 The term of office of one of the appointed members expires on 31 August 2020. Given that the Council is still in response mode during the Covid-19 pandemic, and the restrictions the lockdown imposes on any recruitment exercise, it is proposed to re-appoint the current member for a period of 12 months. Sajid Sheikh was originally appointed in 2017, following an interview process.
- 4.2 Alternatively, CBM could decide to:
 - Not re-appoint and leave the position vacant;
 - Hold a recruitment exercise for a new member.
- 4.3 Temporary changes to the Constitution, agreed on 28 April, delegated appointments to committees and other bodies to CBM (until no later than 25 May).