

Birmingham City Council

Council Business Management Committee

10 May 2021



Subject: Independent Remuneration Panel - Membership
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Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? ☐ Yes ☒ No

1 Executive Summary

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

2 Recommendations

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

<u>Appointee</u>		<u>Term of Office</u>	
Rose Poulter	Citizen Rep	1 Sept 2021 – 31 August 2025	<i>Re-appointment</i>
Jacqui Francis	Citizen Rep	1 Sept 2021 – 31 August 2025	<i>Re-appointment</i>
David Grainger	Appointed Member	1 Sept 2021 – 31 August 2024	<i>Re-appointment</i>
Sajid Sheikh	Appointed Member	1 Sept 2021 – 31 August 2024	<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.

3.3 In August 2016, CBM confirmed the above balance of membership, and that each appointee should be appointed for four years. However, one of the appointed members' term was extended by 12 months last year, and to bring both appointed members in line with the timetable set out in the 2016 report, it is proposed to re-appoint both for three years.

4 Options considered and Recommended Proposal

4.1 The term of office of four of the Panel members expires on 31 August 2021 (two citizen representatives and two appointed members). It is proposed to re-appoint the current members, all of whom have indicated their willingness to continue.

4.2 Alternatively, CBM could decide to:

- Re-appoint but for shorter terms of office;
- Not re-appoint and leave the positions vacant;
- Hold a recruitment exercise for new members.

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) so CBM Committee can make this appointment.