

Birmingham City Council

City Council

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Subject: Independent Members (Independent Remuneration Panel) Appointment

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1 Executive Summary

1.1 The report seeks to appoint:

- i. 3 Independent Remuneration Panel Members (with the appointment of a further co-opted member (former Councillor) yet to be confirmed.

2 Recommendation(s)

2.1 That City Council approves the following appointments:

ROLE	APPOINTEE	TERM OF OFFICE
Independent Remuneration Panel – Citizen Representative	Veronica Docherty	January 2024 – December 2027
Independent Remuneration Panel – Citizen Representative	Muhammed Ali	January 2024 – December 2027
Independent Remuneration Panel – TUC Appointed Member	Frank Duffy	January 2024 – December 2027
Independent Remuneration Panel – Co-opted Member (former Councillor)	TBC	TBC

3 Background

Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP)

- 3.1 Councillors receive allowances to support them in carrying out their work as elected representatives. The amount of the allowance for the various Councillors roles is decided by the City Council taking into account 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, that are former Councillors of the City Council.
- 3.3 In August 2016, CBMC confirmed that the above balance of membership, and that each appointee should be appointed for four years.
- 3.4 Following the recent recruitment/appointments (and subject to formal agreement the membership position will be

Member	Term of Office Expires
Citizen	December 2027 – pending approval
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Citizen	September 2026
Citizen	August 2025
Appointed (TUC appointed member)	December 2027 – pending approval
Appointed	August 2024
Co-opted	September 2026
Co-opted	TBC

4 Options considered and Recommended Proposal

- 4.1 It is proposed that the appointees, set out in this report are appointed.

5 Legal Implications

- 5.1 None other than those stated above.

6 Financial Implications

- 6.1 Payment of allowance due, will be provided by the members allowances allocated budget.

7 Public Sector Equality Duty

7.1 None

8 Background Papers

8.1 None