

Birmingham City Council

City Council

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Subject: Annual Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel

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1 Executive Summary

- 1.1 The report contained in Appendix 1 summarises the recommendation of the Independent Remuneration Panel following the annual review of the Birmingham City Councillors' Allowances Scheme with proposals up to 2026/27.
- 1.2 The City Council must have regard to the recommendations of an Independent Remuneration Panel before it can set up or amend its Members' Allowances Scheme.
- 1.3 The Council is free to accept the Panel's recommendations in full, in part, or not all.

2 Recommendation(s)

- 2.1 That City Council
 - 2.1.1 Receives and considers the annual report of the Independent Remuneration Panel.
 - 2.1.2 That Council give due regard to recommendations made by the Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP).
 - 2.1.3 That Council agrees to accept the recommendations either in full, in part or not at all:

- (a) For 2023/24, the recommendations set out on page 2 of the IRP report as set out in appendix 1.
- (b) For 203/24 and 2024/25 the recommended basic and Special Responsibility Allowances as set out in appendices 7, 8 and 9 of the IRP report.

3 Background

- 3.1 An Independent Remuneration Panel was established by City Council at its meeting on 2nd July 2001. The Panel is now made up of eight members, four Citizen Representatives, two appointed and two co-opted members. An allowance is payable to each panel member.
- 3.2 The Annual Report makes a number of recommendations which City Council must give full regard to when consider the report and whether the recommendations should be accepted in full, in part or not at all.
- 3.3 The Panel has worked consistently within the requirements of the Local Government Act 2000 and the accompanying Statutory Guidance and Regulations on Councillors' allowances.

4 Legal Implications

- 4.1 The relevant statutory regulations require that all Local Authorities make a scheme for the payment of allowances to each member of the authority.

5 Financial Implications

- 5.1 If the recommendations are rejected there will be no new financial implications.
- 5.2 If the recommendations are accepted either in full or in part, then there will be an increase in the allocated budget for member allowances.

6 Background Papers

- 6.1 None

7 Appendices

- 7.1 Appendix 1: Annual Report of the Birmingham Independent Remuneration Panel.