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## 1 Executive Summary

1.1 The Independent Remuneration Panel membership was discussed at the Council Business Management Committee meeting of 27 June 2022, to appoint and recruit members of the Independent Remuneration Panel.

### 2 Motion

2.1 That the recommendation to appoint the following persons to the Independent Remuneration Panel as co-opted members is approved

Appointee	Term of Office
Honorary Alderman Carl Rice	15 Sept 2022 – 14 Sept 2026
Former Councillor Peter Fowler	15 Sept 2022 – 14 Sept 2026

2.2 That the recommendation to recruit the following, to the Independent Remuneration Panel is approved

**To recruit** One Citizen Representative One Appointed Representative **Term of Office** 14 Sept 2022 – 13 Sept 2026 14 Sept 2022 – 13 Sept 2026

2.3 To note that City Council will be asked to confirm the appointment on 13 September 2022, of the Citizen and Appointed member following the recruitment exercise.

#### 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 Representative, selected from a public advertisement;
- Two appointed panel members, from 201, preference to be given to candidates representing trade unions or business;
- Two co-opted panel members, drawn from former Councillor 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.

Current position:

Member	Term of Office Expires
Citizen	31 Aug 2023
Citizen	31 Aug 2023
Citizen	31 Aug 2025
Citizen	Vacant
Appointed	31 Aug 2024
Appointed	Vacant
Co-opted	14 September 2022
Co-opted	Vacant

3.4 As set out in Part B4, 4.2 i (e) of the Constitution it is a function of Full Council to agree and/or amend the terms of reference for committees (other than Cabinet Committees) and to decide membership and to make appointments to them.

#### 4 Options considered and Recommended Proposal

- 4.1 The term of office for the current co-opted member expires on 14 September 2022. There is also an existing vacancy. It is proposed that the appointees, set out in this report are appointed.
- 4.2 The resignations received during 2021/22 resulted in vacancies for a Citizen Representative and Appointed panel member. It is proposed to recruit to the vacancies and come back to City Council in September, following the recruitment exercise.