

# Birmingham City Council

## City Council

11 October 2022



**Subject:** Independent Remuneration Panel - Membership  
**Report of:** Satinder Sahota, City Solicitor  
**Report author:** Ingrid Whyte, Head of Members Support  
[Ingrid.whyte@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:Ingrid.whyte@birmingham.gov.uk)  
0121 303 3239

Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If relevant, state which appendix is exempt, and provide exempt information paragraph number or reason if confidential:

### 1 Executive Summary

- 1.1 The Independent Remuneration Panel membership was discussed at the Council Business Management Committee meeting of 30 August 2022, to appoint member of the Independent Remuneration Panel.

### 2 Motion

- 2.1 That the recommendation to appoint the following persons to the Independent Remuneration Panel is approved

#### Appointee

Catherine McManus,  
Citizens Representative

Rob Johnston, Appointed (TUC)  
Representative

#### Term of Office

14 Sept 2022 – 13 Sept 2026

14 Sept 2022 – 13 Sept 2026

### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2001.

Current membership consists of:

- Four Citizen Representatives, selected from a public advertisement;
- Two appointed panel members, from 2017, preference to be given to candidates representing trade unions or business;
- 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.

3.4 Following the recent appointments/recruitment the position will be:

| <b><u>Member</u></b> | <b><u>Term of Office Expires</u></b> |
|----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Citizen              | 31 Aug 2023                          |
| Citizen              | 31 Aug 2023                          |
| Citizen              | 31 Aug 2025                          |
| Citizen              | 13 Sept 2026 (pending approval)      |
| Appointed            | 31 Aug 2024                          |
| Appointed            | 13 Sep 2026 (pending approval)       |
| Co-opted             | 14 September 2026                    |
| Co-opted             | 14 September 2026                    |

3.5 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 resignations received during 2021/22 resulted in vacancies for a Citizen Representative and Appointed panel member. It is proposed that the appointees, set out in this report are appointed.