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| SUBJECT: | REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL | REF: |
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1.0 Recommendations

1.1 Members are requested to consider the recommendations contained in the report of the Independent Remuneration Panel.

2.0 Purpose of Report

2.1 To consider the report of the Independent Remuneration Panel on Members' Allowances attached at Annexe 'A'.

3.0 Detail

3.1 Members are reminded that the Council is required to undertake a review of its Members' Allowances scheme by an Independent Remuneration Panel under the four year rule, as required by The Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003.

3.2 An Independent Remuneration Panel has previously met in 2001, 2003 and 2007 to make recommendations to the Council on Members' Allowances. At the Full Council Meeting on 20th January 2011, it was agreed to convene the Panel again in order that a report on the Panel's recommendations could be considered by Full Council prior to the new municipal year. On this basis, the various allowances agreed may be known to all candidates for the forthcoming District Council Elections on 5th May 2011.

3.4 The following Members were appointed to the Panel, which met on 1st and 2nd March 2011:-

- John Burton, Vice-Chairman of Swadlincote Chamber of Trade and a local businessperson and resident.
- Dr. Declan L. G. Hall (Chair of the Panel), a former academic at the Institute of Local Government, School of Public Policy, The University of Birmingham, now an independent consultant specialising in Members' allowances and support.
- Clive Keble, member of the South Derbyshire Partnership Board and employee of the National Forest Company.

Dr. Hall and Mr. Keble will be in attendance at the Meeting to present the report and answer any questions from Members.

4.0 Financial Implications

4.1 As contained in the report.

5.0 Corporate Implications

5.1 The Council will be complying with the provisions of The Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003.

6.0 Community Implications

6.1 None.

7.0 Background Papers

April 2011 Report of Independent Remuneration Panel