

INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL

MEETING HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, BOOTLE ON TUESDAY 29TH NOVEMBER, 2011

PRESENT: Canon Roger Driver (in the Chair)
Mrs. S. Lowe

ALSO PRESENT: Councillors P. Dowd and Robertson
Ms. A. Grant, Head of Governance and Civic
Services
Mr. M. Morris, Senior Committee Administrator

6. ELECTION OF CHAIR

RESOLVED:

That Canon Roger Driver be appointed Chair of the Panel for this meeting and for the remainder of the current Municipal Year.

7. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Mr. S. Dickson.

8. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

9. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 7 September 2011 be confirmed as a correct record.

10. MEMBERS' ALLOWANCE SCHEME

Further to Minute No. 5 of the meeting held on 7 September 2011, the Panel considered the report of the Head of Governance and Civic Services that provided information to aid the Panel in formulating an objective review of the Members' Allowance Scheme for 2012/13.

The report indicated that the previous meeting had requested various pieces of information to help with the review and attached as appendices to the report were the following documents:-

Appendix A - Wirral MBC report of the Independent Panel on Members' Allowances

Appendix B - Comparison of Local Authority Allowances

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Appendix C - Members currently receiving SRA's

Appendix D - Cabinet Portfolio responsibilities across Council functions
and corresponding remit of Overview and Scrutiny
Committee

Appendix E - Members' attendance at meetings

Appendix F- Role descriptions/person specifications for Cabinet Members;
Leader (and Deputy Leaders); Mayor of the Council;
Overview and Scrutiny Committee Chairs; Overview and
Scrutiny Committee Members; Elected Members; Chair of
Regulatory Committee, Area Committee and Standards
Committees; and Regulatory Committee, Area Committee
and Standards Committee Members

Appendix G - National Census of Local Authority Councillors Executive
Summary and the time spent on Council activities.

In addition, the Panel considered oral representations on the matter from
the Liberal Democrat and Labour Party Group Leaders (Councillors
Robertson and P. Dowd).

RESOLVED:

That consideration of this matter be deferred until a further meeting of the
Panel to be held (subject to all three members being able to attend), on
Wednesday, 21 December 2011 at Bootle Town Hall, commencing at
10.15 a.m