## INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL

#### MEETING HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, BOOTLE ON WEDNESDAY 21ST DECEMBER, 2011

| PRESENT:      | Canon Roger Driver (in the Chair)             |
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|               | Mr. Steve Dickson and Mrs. Susan Lowe         |
| ALSO PRESENT: | Councillor Parry                              |
|               | Mrs. M. Carney, Chief Executive               |
|               | Ms. A. Grant, Head of Governance and Civic    |
|               | Services                                      |
|               | Mr. P. Fraser, Senior Committee Administrator |

# 11. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

### 12. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That subject to Minute No. 10 (Members' Allowance Scheme) being amended by the addition of the following:

"(2) the Head of Governance and Civic Services be requested to put in place arrangements to increase the membership of the Panel to 5 members, with the quorum of the Panel remaining 3 members"

the Minutes of the meeting held on 29 November 2011 be confirmed as a correct record.

### 13. MEMBERS' ALLOWANCE SCHEME

Further to Minute No. 10 of the Meeting held on 29 November 2011, the Panel considered further the Members' Allowance Scheme for 2012/13.

In addition, the Panel considered oral representations on the matter from the Conservative Party Group Leader, Councillor Parry.

**RESOLVED:** That

- (1) the Panel notes the increased workload undertaken by Chairs of Overview and Scrutiny Committees;
- (2) the Panel also notes the differing roles, responsibilities and time spent on duties by Cabinet Member portfolio spokespersons;
- (3) accordingly, the Panel acknowledges the potential to reflect the matters referred to in (1) and (2) above in a review of the Members'

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Allowance Scheme following the local government elections in May 2012; and

(4) an induction/refresh session be arranged for new/existing Panel Members in early March 2012 and a formal, further meeting of the Panel be arranged in early April 2012.