

REPORT TO: INDEPENDANT REMUNERATION PANEL
DATE: 14th October 2013
SUBJECT: CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED
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1.0 Background

1.1 Several issues have been raised since the Panel last met and this report sets out those issues and provides the Panel with information on those matters. The actual comments and responses received are provided at the appendix to this report

2.0 PAYMENT OF ATTENDANCE ALLOWANCE

2.1 A Member of the public raised this matter with the Leader of the Council and the response set out in the Appendix sets out the position on this aspect of Members Allowances.

3.0 PAYMENT OF DEPENDENT' CARERS' ALLOWANCE

3.1 This matter has been dealt with under the previous agenda item.

4.0 MEMBERSHIP OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENSION SCHEME

4.1 On 19 December 2012, the Local Government Minister, Brandon Lewis, made a Written Ministerial Statement to Parliament, setting out government proposals to remove access by councillors to the taxpayer-funded Local Government Pension Scheme in England from April 2014 and made the commitment to consult on these proposals.

4.2 The Government undertook a consultation process from April to July 2013 but there has no response to that consultation published as yet.

4.3 All Members of the Council are currently entitled to join the Local Government Pension Scheme provided they are no more than 75 years old.

4.4 The cost to Sefton in terms of 'employer's contributions' came to £49,773.73 in 2012/13.

5.0 RECOMMENDATION

5.1 That Members of the Panel review the information provided and determine whether any recommendations to Council should be made on these matters.