

REPORT FROM THE POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE – 14 JANUARY 2003

1 REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL

- 1.1 The Committee considered the report of the Corporate Director (Finance & External Services) on the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel relating to Member allowances (copy of report appended).
- 1.2 Members observed that discretionary allowances could bring difficulties and that it would be preferable for any additional available monies to be applied to the basic allowance. With regard to carers allowance, comment was made that the removal of a requirement that a registered body must be used could be potentially dangerous in the light of current concerns associated with child safety.
- 1.3 It is proposed that Council **RESOLVES**
- (1) That, subject to provision for advisers to Committee Meetings to receive travel expenses on the same basis as Councillors, no change be made to the type of Allowances paid by the Authority.
 - (2) That the Allowance amounts be revised to the suggested maximums set out at Appendix 5 of the report of the Corporate Director (Finance & External Services). (CD(F&ES))

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Background Papers:

None

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