

# CORPORATE RESOURCES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

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## ***Committee Report***

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Title:

INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL -  
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2003/04 MEMBERS  
ALLOWANCES SCHEME

Report of:

Head of Finance

Report  
reference:

FS3/03

Summary:

The Council established the Independent Remuneration Panel as required by the Local Government Act 2000 during 2001/02 to advise on and review the scheme of Members' Allowances.

The recommendations of the Panel are that there should be no change to the existing scheme, and the Panel report is set out as an Appendix to this report.

Recommendations:

Members of the Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee are asked for any comments on the Panel's recommendations, which will be considered by full Council on 29<sup>th</sup> April.

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CITY OF CARLISLE

To: The Chairman and Members of FS3/03

The Corporate Resources Overview & Scrutiny Committee

10 April 2003

INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL –  
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2003/04 MEMBERS ALLOWANCES SCHEME

1. INTRODUCTION

1. The Council established the Independent Remuneration Panel as required by the Local Government Act 2000 during 2001/02 to advise on and review the scheme of Members' Allowances. The Panel's first review was the scheme introduced to support the new Executive arrangements effective from 12<sup>th</sup> September 2001.
2. Members are reminded that the Council should have regard to the recommendations made by the Panel prior to any amendment being made to the scheme.
3. The recommendations of the Panel are that there should be no change to the existing scheme, and the panel report is set out as an Appendix to this report.
4. It should be noted that the issue of Travel and Subsistence, other Allowances and Pensions is awaiting Government regulations. The Panel will meet to discuss these issues as and when the regulations are issued.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Members of the Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee are asked for any comments on the Panel's recommendations, which will be considered by full Council on 29<sup>th</sup> April.

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APPENDIX

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## INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL

### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

#### **1 Recommendation**

Following the meeting of the Panel on 17 March 2003 the Panel unanimously agreed the following recommendations:

To apply the 3.5% NJC Staff pay Award to Basic & Special Responsibility Allowances in accordance with the current scheme provision.

To leave any review of the Chair of Development Control Committee Special Responsibility Allowance level until a future date.

#### 2. Background

In accordance with the National Scheme for Members' Allowances the Panel is required to review the allowances paid to members each year. Prior to this year's review, Members of the Council were asked for their views on the allowances. A small number of replies to the request were received stating generally that the allowances appeared appropriate for the work involved.

There was one specific representation concerning the work of the Chair of the Development Control and the level of remuneration. There were comments about the personal legal liability of the holder of the post for decisions and the risks taken. The Panel thought that these were perhaps more perceived than real but did agree that it would be appropriate to review the work involved for Chair during the coming year. A recommendation could then be made to the Panel at its next Review based on substantiated data. The Officers of the Council were asked to carry out this task of collecting the data during the coming months.

Bill Swarbrick

Chairman

Carlisle City Council Independent Remuneration Panel

March 2003