

CARLISLE CITY COUNCIL

Report to:- **The Mayor and Members of The City Council**

Date of Meeting:- 29 April 2003

Agenda Item No:-

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Corporate Management Team Comments:	No	No
Financial Comments:	Yes	Yes
Legal Comments:	Yes	Yes
Personnel Comments:	Yes	Yes

Title:- **INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL –
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2003/04 SCHEME**

Report of:- The Head of Finance

Report reference:- FS3/03

Summary:-

This report was considered and approved by the Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 10th April 2003 for recommendation to Council.

Recommendation:-

Council are requested to approve the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel as set out in the report.

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CORPORATE RESOURCES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Committee Report

Public

Date of Meeting: 10 April 2003

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 29th April.

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Note: in compliance with section 100d of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 the report has been prepared in part from the following papers: None

CITY OF CARLISLE

To: The Chairman and Members of
The Corporate Resources Overview & Scrutiny Committee
10 April 2003

FS3/03

The Mayor and Members of the City Council
29 April 2003

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

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 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 12th September 2001.
- 1.2 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.
- 1.3 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.
- 1.4 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

- 2.1 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 29th April.

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**CARLISLE CITY COUNCIL
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