

**Subject: Independent Remuneration Panel Member Update**

**Report to: Council**

**Date : Thursday 15 June 2023**

**Report by: Corporate Services Manager**

#### **SUBJECT MATTER**

**This report is to inform Members that following Council approval on the 18 May 2023, where Members agreed the re-appointment of the Independent Remuneration Panel, one of the panel Members subsequently resigned from the panel.**

**As a result of this resignation the panel is therefore inquorate and unable to meet. In light of the panel needing to meet imminently to review allowances and bring a report back to Council in July, Council are now asked to consider the appointment of Mr Ivor Holden without undertaking a recruitment process.**

**Council are informed that Mr Holden has assisted with numerous Independent remuneration panels across different authorities and was recommended by the Chair of the Council's current panel.**

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council :

(1) Agree to the appointment of Mr Ivor Holden to the Independent Remuneration Panel.

### **1. Independent Remuneration Panel Member Update**

- 1.1. Council at its meeting on the 18 May 2023, approved the re-appointment of the already established Independent Remuneration Panel Members.
- 1.2. Following Council, one of the panel members resigned from the panel with immediate effect. In line with Part 4 20 (2) of the *The Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003* which states that :- An Independent Remuneration Panel shall consist of at least three members, this left the current panel inquorate and unable to meet.
- 1.3. Due to the imminent start of the review, the Chairman of the current remuneration panel recommended Mr Holden as a possible replacement to the panel.

1.4. Mr Holden has assisted on numerous remuneration panels across different authorities and has confirmed his availability to undertake this review if Council were to approve his appointment.

## 2. Next Steps

2.1 The panel are due to have their first meeting on Wednesday 28 June with 2 subsequent meetings taking place to allow the review to be completed in time for Council in July.

## 3. Financial Implications

3.1 There are cost implications with fees payable to the Independent Remuneration Panel for the undertaking of a review of allowances, the fees payable were agreed by Council at its meeting on the 18 May 2023.

*Areas of consideration: e.g. does this report raise any of the following issues and if so how have these been considered/mitigated against?*

Area for consideration	Comment
Monitoring Officer Consultation:	Yes
Section 151 Officer Consultation:	Yes
Existing Council Policies:	N/a
Financial Implications (including VAT and tax):	Included in report
Legal Implications (including human rights):	Included in report
Risk Implications:	N/a