Annex C - IRP'S Recommendations

Q1. Should the overall level of Special Responsibility Allowances (which currently total about £30,000 per year) remain about the same, be increased or be reduced?

Recommendation 1

In drawing up recommendations on the five issues which the Panel was invited to address, the Panel has proceeded on the assumption that any overall increase in costs should be modest.

Q2. Do you favour the approach of providing SRAs to Members if they qualify for more than one?

Recommendation 2

The Panel recommends that a Member should receive more than one SRA if they qualify for more than one.

Q3. Do you consider that the Council's provision of a tablet together with the current level of Basic Allowance makes adequate provision for the use of phones, broadband, other IT costs and printing?

Recommendation 3

The Panel recommends that the Basic Allowance should not be increased to cover costs associated with the use of phones, broadband, other IT costs and printing. The Panel suggests that – if the Council were to conclude that current arrangements are inadequate – more direct arrangements are made to give Members access to the necessary equipment.

Q4. Do you consider that the Chairman of the Standards Committee should be given an SRA?

Recommendation 4

The Panel recommends that the Chairman of the Standards Committee should receive an SRA equivalent to 10% of the Basic Allowance.

Q5. Should members of the Licensing Hearing Sub-Committee receive an SRA?

Recommendation 5

The Panel recommends that Licensing (Hearing) Sub-Committee members should not receive an SRA.

Q6. Do you consider that the level of SRA for the Chairman of the Majority Group is sufficient?

Recommendation 6

The Panel recommends that the Chairman of the Majority Group should receive an SRA equivalent to 100% of the Basic Allowance.

Q7. Should Vice Chairmen receive an SRA?

Recommendation 7

The Panel recommends that each Vice Chairman should receive an SRA equivalent to 50% of the SRA payable to the Chairman of that Committee.