

BRECKLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL

Report of: Maxine O'Mahony- Executive Director of Strategy & Governance & Monitoring Officer

To: Council – 13 September 2018

Author: Rory Ringer – Democratic Services Manager

Subject: Appointment of Independent Remuneration Panel

Purpose: To approve the recommended appointment of Members to the Independent Remuneration Panel

Recommendation(s):

- 1) That the Independent Remuneration Panel be established for the period 1 October 2018 – 30 September 2022 and comprising the following individuals:-

Andrew Egerton-Smith
Les Spillman
Jonathan Rogers
Samuel Watts
Alistair Skipper

1.0 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 In accordance with Regulations made under the Local Government Act 2000, the Council must establish an Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP) whose purpose is make recommendations on members' allowances prior to any changes to the Scheme of Members' Allowances. The tenure of the current panel ended in November 2017 and new appointments are therefore required.
- 1.2 In accordance with the provisions of the Act, an advertisement for IRP members was published in June. Five candidates' submitted applications and a panel consisting of the Council's Deputy Monitoring Officer and the Democratic Services Manager conducted interviews for the position on 24th July. The IRP has to consist of a minimum of three members, but the Council has traditionally appointed additional members thereby reducing the risk of an inquorate Panel.
- 1.3 All five were suitable candidates and met the statutory requirements. As such, the following provisional appointments have been made subject to Council approval:
 1. Andrew Egerton-Smith
 2. Les Spillman
 3. Jonathan Rogers
 4. Samuel Watts
 5. Alistair Skipper
- 1.4 The New Panel will need to be convened shortly to carry out a review of the Members Scheme, with a report from the Panel scheduled for Council in January 2019

2.0 **OPTIONS**

- 2.1 It is a legal requirement for the Council to appoint an Independent Remuneration Panel in order to review the members Allowance Scheme.

3.0 **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION(S)**

- 3.1 To enable appropriate appointments to be made ahead of the IRP meeting required in late 2018.

4.0 **IMPLICATIONS**

In preparing this report, the report author has considered the likely implications of the decision - particularly in terms of Carbon Footprint / Environmental Issues; Constitutional & Legal; Contracts; Corporate Priorities; Crime & Disorder; Equality & Diversity/Human Rights; Financial; Health & Wellbeing; Reputation; Risk Management; Safeguarding; Staffing; Stakeholders/Consultation/Timescales; Transformation Programme; Other. Where the report author considers that there may be implications under one or more of these headings, these are identified below.

4.1 **Constitution & Legal**

- 4.1.1. To comply with The Local Authorities (Members Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003.

4.2 **Financial**

- 4.2.1 An allowance is paid to members of the Independent Remuneration Panel. The current allowance is £150 per session plus travelling expenses. There are usually two or three sessions per year.

5.0 **WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED**

- 5.1 All

6.0 **ACRONYMS**

- 6.1 None

Background papers:- None

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Key Decision: No
Exempt Decision: No

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