

BRECKLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL

Report of: Rob Walker- Deputy Chief Executive & Monitoring Officer
To: Council – 8 December 2022
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 re-established for the period 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2026, comprising the following individuals:-

Alistair Skipper
Andrew Egerton-Smith
Jonathan Rogers

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 to make recommendations on members' allowances prior to any changes to the Scheme of Members' Allowances. The tenure of the current panel ended in October 2022 and new appointments are therefore required.
- 1.2 In accordance with the provisions of the Act, an advertisement for IRP members was published. The IRP has to consist of a minimum of three members. Three candidates' expressed interest and were deemed suitable candidates and met the statutory requirements. As such, the following provisional appointments have been made subject to Council approval.

Alistair Skipper
Andrew Egerton-Smith
Jonathan Rogers

- 1.3 The New Panel will need to be convened shortly to carry out a review of the Members Scheme, with a subsequent report to Council with their recommendations.

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 next meeting of the IRP in early 2023.

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 meeting plus travelling expenses.

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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