

Full text for Agenda Item 8 – County Council 20 July 2017

That the Council notes the report and agrees the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel as follows:

- a) No changes be made to travel allowances.
- b) That the Green Travel and Public Transport options be more widely promoted to councillors through their induction pack.
- c) Remove the allowance for breakfast.
- d) Remove the allowance for tea.
- e) Remove the allowance for lunch.
- f) Increase the evening meal allowance to £20.
- g) That a proviso be included to allow the Monitoring Officer to agree to payment of a meal allowance in exceptional circumstance which is outside the criteria for an evening meal.
- h) Where an evening meal is taken in London where the cost of living is higher, a receipt could be submitted for an increased amount subject to approval.

All overnight accommodation bookings must be made through the Democratic Services Team. No facility within the Scheme for claiming back overnight accommodation booked in any other way.

- j) That the claimable age for childcare be raised to under 16 years.
- k) Care for a child under 16 years to be increased to up to £10 per hour.
- l) Care for a dependant relative to be increased to up to £20 per hour.
- m) No change to the level of attendance allowance paid to co-optees.

- n) That the approved duties for travel allowances are revised as set out in Appendix 3.
- o) No increase to the basic allowance.
- p) That the basic allowance be uprated annually linked to the Local Government Pay Award from 1 April 2018.
- q) To increase the multiplier for the Leader of the Council from 2.5 of the basic allowance to 3.0 of the basic allowance.
- r) To increase the multiplier for the Deputy Leader of the Council from 1.75 of the basic allowance to 2.0 of the basic allowance.
- s) To increase the multiplier for the Cabinet Members from 1.5 of the basic allowance to 1.75 of the basic allowance.
- t) That the number of SRAs for 'Members with Special Responsibility' be capped at 4.
- u) To delete the Chairman of the Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Committee if the recommended structure is agreed by Council.
- v) To delete the Chairman of the Rights of Way Committee if the recommended structure is agreed by Council.
- w) To amend the title of the Chairman of Development Control Committee to Chairman of the Development and Regulatory Committee if the recommended structure is agreed by Council.
- x) To change the multiplier for the Vice-Chairman of the County Council from 0.5 of the basic allowance to 0.4 of the basic allowance.
- y) No additional SRAs or changes to any other existing SRAs.
- z) That the revised Scheme should apply from 1 August 2017.