

South Cambridgeshire District Council's Independent Remuneration Panel; Supplementary Report on Member Allowances 2019/20

This report sets out the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP) following the Council's request at its September 2019 meeting that the Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP) review its recommendation on the level of Special Responsibility Allowance (SRA) to be paid to the Chair and Vice Chair of the Scrutiny and Overview Committee that it had made in its 2019/20 report on the council's Member Allowance Scheme. It also requested that the IRP consider whether members of the Cambridge Fringes Joint Development Committee (JDCC) should also receive an SRA payment.

Scrutiny and Overview Committee

The IRP's report to the Council on its 2019/20 review of the Member's Allowance Scheme recommended increasing the level of the SRA of the Committee's Chair from £3637 pa to £3800 and that of its Vice Chair from £1818 to £1900 pa, (and also recommended the introduction of a £250 SRA payment for Committee members). The Council has moved to a system of pre-scrutiny of Cabinet reports by this Committee before their presentation to Cabinet which has increased the workload on the Chair and Vice Chair and necessitated more frequent meetings of the Committee.

In order to give more appropriate recognition of the additional workload and time commitment which the change to pre-scrutiny working has placed on the Chair and Vice Chair roles **the IRP now recommends** that the SRA paid to the Committee Chair be increased to £4500 pa and that the SRA paid to the Vice Chair to be increased to £2225 pa effective from the date of adoption of this report by the Council.

Cambridge Fringe Joint Development Control Committee (JDCC)

At its September 2019 meeting the Council adopted the IRP's recommendation that Councillors who are representative members of a Partnership body should be paid on the same basis as their counterpart Cambridge City Council members of that body. The Chair of the JDCC rotates annually between the South Cambs and City Lead Councillors on this Committee and for the period when chairing the JDCC, the City's Lead Councillor is paid an SRA of 50% of Basic Allowance. However no other City council members on the JDCC are currently paid an SRA.

The IRP recommends that the Council's Lead Councillor on the JDCC be paid an SRA of 50% of Basic Allowance for the period when chairing this Committee.