

Report title	Appointment of Independent Remuneration Panel Members	
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Recommendation for decision:

The Council is recommended to:

1. Approve the appointment of Reverend David Wright, Miceal Barden and Sylvia Parkin to the Independent Remuneration Panel.

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 To approve the recommended appointments of Members to the Independent Remuneration Panel.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 It is a legal requirement for the Council to have regard to a report from an Independent Remuneration Panel before making or revising its Members Allowances Scheme.
- 2.2 No report from the Independent Remuneration Panel can be formally received unless they have been formally appointed by Council. The current Scheme is due to last until 2022 however any amendments to the scheme would require a report from the IRP setting out their views.
- 2.3 The recommendations for appointment are as follows:-

Reverend David Wright - Chair (existing member)

- Representing the Rector of St. Peters Church Wolverhampton

Miceal Barden – Member (existing member)

- Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences, Wolverhampton University

Sylvia Parkin – Member (new member)

- Deputy Lieutenant

3.0 Reason for Special Urgency

- 3.1 The reason for special urgency is to ensure that the Independent Remuneration Panel has been properly appointed to so that any recommendations it may make are lawful. The Council's Monitoring Officer has advised that appointments to the Independent Remuneration Panel should be made urgently.

4.0 Evaluation of alternative options

- 4.1 The alternative option to the proposed recommendation would be to not appoint. This would result in the Independent Remuneration Panel not being appointed to.

5.0 Reasons for decision

- 5.1 To enable appropriate appointments to be made and ensure that the Council meets its legal obligations.

6.0 Financial implications

- 6.1 There are no financial implications arising from the recommendation as the appointments to the Independent Remuneration Panel does not attract a Special Responsibility Allowance. [GE/03032020/P]

7.0 Legal implications

7.1 It is a legal requirement for the Council to appoint an Independent Remuneration Panel in order to review the Members' Allowances Scheme. This is a matter reserved to Council by virtue of the current constitution. The Council's Monitoring Officer has advised that appointments to the Panel should be made urgently. [RP/04032020/A]

8.0 Equalities implications

8.1 There are no equalities implications arising from the recommendation of this report.

9.0 Climate change and environmental implications

9.1 There are no climate change and environmental implications arising from the recommendation of this report.

10.0 Human resources implications

10.1 There are no human resources implications arising from the recommendation of this report.

11.0 Corporate Landlord implications

11.1 There are no corporate landlord implications arising from the recommendation of this report.

12.0 Health and Wellbeing Implications

12.1 There are no health and wellbeing implications arising from the recommendation of this report.

13.0 Schedule of background papers

13.1 The Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003