



REPORT TO:	COUNCIL
DATE:	5 SEPTEMBER 2019
REPORT OF THE:	DEMOCRATIC SERVICES MANAGER SIMON COPLEY
TITLE OF REPORT:	APPOINTMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL
WARDS AFFECTED:	ALL

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To recommend to Council the appointment of an Independent Remuneration Panel to make recommendations about the allowances to be paid to Councillors.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that Council approves:
- (i) that an Independent Remuneration Panel be established in accordance with the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003;
 - (ii) that Stuart Green, John Richardson and Sally Ann Smith be appointed to serve on the Independent Remuneration Panel;
 - (iii) the Term of Office for Members of the Panel be until 5 September 2024;
 - (iv) that an allowance of £20 be payable for each meeting.

3.0 REASON FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 To comply with the requirements of the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003.

4.0 SIGNIFICANT RISKS

- 4.1 There are no significant risks associated with the appointment of the Independent Remuneration Panel.

5.0 POLICY CONTEXT AND CONSULTATION

- 5.1 Appointing an independent remuneration panel and determining a scheme of allowances is not directly related to the corporate policies or priorities of the Council.

However it is considered that since Parliament requires local authorities to have a Members' Allowance Scheme it is important that the scheme is updated and reviewed when required.

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6.0 REPORT DETAILS

- 6.1 Regulation 20 of The Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003 (as amended) requires the District Council to establish an Independent Remuneration Panel to make recommendations to the Council about allowances payable to Members of Ryedale District Council.
- 6.2 The panel shall not include any member who is also a member of an authority in respect of which it makes recommendations or is a member of a committee or sub-committee of such an authority.
- 6.3 A recruitment and selection process has taken place. Following assessment at interview, three applicants are recommended for appointment.
- 6.4 Policy and Resources Committee, at its meeting on 25 July 2019, was advised of the requirement for the Independent Remuneration Panel to review the use of an index for the annual adjustment of allowances and make a recommendation to Full Council.
- 6.5 A meeting of Policy and Resources Committee on 4 July 2019 had also requested the Panel to consider whether an allowance should be paid to the Council's representative on the Police, Fire and Crime Panel.
- 6.6 These matters will be considered by the Panel once appointed.

7.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 The following implications have been identified:
- a) Financial
There are no material financial implications of appointing an Independent Remuneration Panel.
 - b) Legal
None.
 - c) Other (Equalities, Staffing, Planning, Health & Safety, Environmental and Climate Change, Crime & Disorder)
None.

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Background Papers:
None.