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To: County Council – 23 May 2013

Subject: Report of the Member Remuneration Panel

Classification: Unrestricted

Summary

This report confirms that the Council's Member Remuneration Panel is in the process of considering a proposed scheme of Members' Allowances for the period May 2013 to May 2017 for adoption by the Council at its meeting on 23 May and that, once finalised, the Panel's detailed proposals will be sent to all Members of the Council in the form of a supplementary paper to this covering report for consideration and determination.

FOR DECISION

1. Introduction

(1) The independent members of the Council's Member Remuneration Panel (MRP) were appointed by the County Council in December 2012. The Panel Members are:

Mrs S Addis
Mr J Ogden (Chairman)
Mr S Wiggett

2. Current Position

(2) The MRP has met on a number of occasions since being appointed in December 2012, but the main focus of its activity has taken place since the County Council Elections on 2 May. The Panel has met with all four Group Leaders and other Members as part of its deliberations and is in the process of compiling a report for the County Council meeting on 23 May, which will recommend a revised Members' Allowances Scheme for the period May 2013 to May 2017, including the level of the basic allowance; the number and level of Special Responsibility Allowances; and the level of travelling and dependent carers' allowances.

(3) The Chairman of the Panel, Mr J Ogden, will be present at the County Council meeting on 23 May to introduce the Panel's report and respond to Members' questions.

(4) The Panel's full report will be circulated to Members as soon as it is available.

3. Recommendation

(1) The County Council is asked to note this report and to consider and determine

the Members' Allowances Scheme for the period May 2013 to May 2017 following consideration of the report by the MRP.

Background Documents:

None

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