

Independent Remuneration Panel

Friday, 20 February 2009

2.00pm

Present:

Ms Jeanette Campbell
Rev Michael Fanstone
Mr David Gingell

Nick Brown
Melanie Norris

Director (Transformation & Finance)
Director (Communities)

1. Members' Allowances Scheme

The Panel was requested to consider the current Members' Allowance Scheme in operation in Gravesham and whether the allowances should be increased for the forthcoming 2009/10 municipal year.

Consideration was given to the current survey into Members' Allowances Scheme undertaken by South East Employers and the likely pay award it was considered may be offered to staff.

The recommendation made by the Panel would be considered for adoption by the Council at its meeting on 3 March 2009.

It was recommended that:-

- (1) the 2009/10 increase in Members' allowances should be in line with the staff pay award;
- (2) the current allowances for overnight accommodation for attendance at conferences be raised, increasing the maximum allowance from £65.00 to £85.00.

Close of meeting

The meeting ended at 2.30 pm.