

# Part Five, Section 13

## Independent Remuneration Panel

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### **13. Independent Remuneration Panel**

- 13.1. When setting its Members Allowances Scheme, the Council shall have due regard to the recommendations of an independent remuneration panel.
- 13.2 An independent remuneration panel shall consist of at least three members none of whom is also a member of an authority in respect of which it makes recommendations.
- 13.3 A person may not be a member of an independent remuneration panel if they are disqualified from being or becoming a member of a district, county or London borough council.
- 13.4 the independent remuneration panel shall produce a report making recommendations in accordance with The Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003.
- 13.5 Where the Council receive a copy of a report made to them by the independent remuneration panel they shall, as soon as is reasonably practicable:
- (a) ensure that copies of that report are available for inspection by members of the public at the principal office of the authority at all reasonable hours; and
  - (b) publish in one or more newspapers circulating in their area a notice which:
    - (i) states that they have received recommendations from an independent remuneration panel in respect of their allowance scheme;
    - (ii) describes the main features of that panel's recommendations and specifies the recommended amounts of each allowance mentioned in its report in respect of that authority;
    - (iii) states that copies of the panel's report are available at the principal office of the authority for inspection by members of the public at such times as may be specified by the authority in the notice; and
    - (iv) specifies the address of the principal office of the authority at which such copies are made available.
- 13.6 The Independent Panel must review the allowances scheme at least every four years.