

<b>1.</b>	<b>Meeting:</b>	South Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel
<b>2.</b>	<b>Date:</b>	29 <sup>th</sup> June 2015
<b>3.</b>	<b>Title:</b>	Member Remuneration
<b>4.</b>	<b>Directorate:</b>	Resources

## 5. Summary

To inform the Police and Crime Panel ('the Panel') of the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel ('IRP') of Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council in relation to allowances payable to members of the Panel.

## 6. Recommendations

That the panel notes the recommendations of the IRP and the decision of Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2015.

## 7. Proposals and Details

7.1 The Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England ) Regulations 2003 require Councils to review the remuneration for Members. The Panel also requested Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council to review the allowances paid to Panel members.

7.2 Upon the establishment of the Panel an allowance for each member of the Panel of £920 was budgeted for by central government. This amount is no longer 'ring fenced' but forms part of the overall budget for the Panel.

7.3 The IRP considered this allowance and decided that there should be no change in the amount payable to members.

7.4 The Council have to 'have regard' to the IRP recommendations. At their meeting on 22nd May 2015 the Council accepted the views of the IRP. Therefore the allowances for the Panel will remain at £920 until the matter is reviewed again.

## **8. Finance**

The annual cost for Members' allowances for Members of the Panel is £11,040. This figure will remain the same until another review is completed.

## **9. Risks and Uncertainties**

Effective support for the democratic process is important and a robust allowance is essential in attracting Members with the requisite skills. However this has to be tempered with an awareness of the current economic climate.

## **10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications**

Ensuring effective support for the democratic process is expected, but in the current economic climate it should also be reviewed and any resource savings realised.

## **11. Background Papers and Consultation**

The Local Authorities (Members Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003.

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