

COUNCIL

THURSDAY 11TH JULY 2019

MINUTES FOR CONFIRMATION

CABINET

WEDNESDAY, 5 JUNE 2019

11. Councillors' Allowances 2020/21 - Recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel

Mr Keith Strickland, Chair of the Independent Remuneration Panel, submitted a report inviting Cabinet to consider recommendations arising from meetings of the Independent Remuneration Panel on the level of Councillors' Allowances in Swindon for 2020/2021.

As Mr Strickland could not be present, the Leader of the Council introduced the report and summarised the limited recommendations that Council would be asked to consider. Councillor Holland supported the recommendations and noted the benefits of the allowances in making being a councillor accessible to a wider range of the public.

The Leader of the Council at the request of Cabinet Members asked for confirmation that there was parity of Special Responsibility between all the Committee Chairs, including the Chair of Licensing.

Resolved:-

1. That the thorough and comprehensive review undertaken by the Independent Remuneration Panel be noted, and the Panel Chair and members be thanked for their work.
2. That the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel on Councillors' Allowances for 2020/2021, as set out in paragraph 3.5 be considered, and that these recommendations be referred the Council.
3. That, if the recommendations be approved by Council, the Chief Legal Officer be authorised to introduce a revised Councillors' Allowances Scheme for 2020/2021, based on the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel.

The reasons for the decision and alternative options are as set out in the report to the meeting.