

IRP ANNUAL QUESTIONNAIRE ON ALLOWANCES AND STIPENDS PAID TO MEMBERS BY OUTSIDE BODIES

1. Summary

- 1.1 The Independent Remuneration Panel has initiated an exercise to ascertain the nature and amounts of allowances and stipends paid to Members by outside bodies, to analyse the information received and to make proposals for the use of the information. The Panel welcomes the Council's agreement for the survey to be mandatory on Members.
- 1.2 The payments are not directly covered in the Council's Member Allowances Scheme. However the Panel believes that it is in the public interest, especially during a period when allowances to public representatives generally are under review, that such information should be available.
- 1.3 There has been a satisfactory response from Members. The Panel is grateful to Members for their participation.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Chair wrote to Members on 9th November 2010 and the exercise was completed by 21st January 2011. Members were asked the following questions in regard to allowances and stipends:
 - 1) Fees paid to you by outside bodies in your capacity as a Member. Please state amount and whether recurrent. Please mark 'nil return' if appropriate;
 - 2) One off payments e.g. special allowance for a particular occasion or duty. Please state amount and frequency. Please mark 'nil return' if appropriate;

3. Responses from Members

- 3.1 To date, 48 responses have been received.
- 3.2 The vast majority of Members do not receive any fees from the outside bodies on which they sit in their capacity as a Member of the Council. Only four Members have responded to indicate that they receive an annual allowance for their role on particular outside bodies.
- 3.3 All Members who responded to the survey indicated that they did not receive any one-off payments from any outside body to which they were appointed to by the Council.