

Members Advisory Panel

31 January 2014

Members Allowances

- Have to be seen to be making savings.
- Likely to be a range of views from Members, and unlikely to be one commonly agreed conclusion.
- The input/role of Vice-Chairs is valued by Chairs. It is unfair to propose no allowance for being Vice-Chair.
- If there is to be no allowance for a Vice-Chair, the suggestion at paragraph 3.7.3 that a “*Chair should be free to allocate an appropriate part of the Chair’s allowance*” for the Vice-Chair, where there is a working relationship between the two, that is considered to warrant an allowance, needs to be more detailed (in terms of how it could work in practice).
- Cabinet/Council has considered before if there should be a higher allowance for the Chairs of Planning and Licensing, when compared to other Chairs. The view has always been that all Chairs should receive the same allowance.
- 15% savings should continue to be the target, recognising however that proposals regarding a reduction in Cabinet positions and Committees are likely to make up the shortfall arising from the Remuneration Panel’s proposals.
- It is right that the basic allowance should not be reduced.
- The proposals relating to Group Leaders’ allowances are fair.