

ACTION TAKEN BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE ON THE GROUNDS OF URGENCY

Committee: Council

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1.0 **ISSUE**

1.1 To note the action taken by the Chief Executive on the grounds of urgency.

2.0 **RECOMMENDATION**

2.1 That the action taken by the Chief Executive on grounds of urgency be noted.

3.0 **BACKGROUND**

(a) Independent Remuneration Panel

3.1 The IRP is currently considering recommendations to be submitted to full Council in October in relation to the remuneration of the Leader and Deputy Leader of Council (ref: Council, 21 February 2019, Agenda Item 12) and a request from the Combined Authority (CA) for Constituent Authorities to consider the payment of allowances to their representatives on the Combined Authority, as the CA is excluded by law from paying such allowances.

3.2 There was an opportunity for the IRP to extend its terms of reference to review the Members Allowance Scheme in the light of changes to the Committee structure and make recommendations to the October Council. This decision on grounds of urgency enabled the terms of reference of the current IRP to be extended to coincide with their review already instigated by Council. This has enabled the IRP to produce proposals for the October Council rather than reconvening the Panel in 2020 as required by statute.

(b) Independent Persons

3.3 Following the resignation of the Independent Person appointed at the Annual Council meeting, the Council had no Independent Person in office to deal with a number of complaints received under the Members Code of Conduct. Therefore, on the recommendation of the Monitoring Officer, the Chief Executive has appointed Gillian Holmes and Stuart Webster as the two Independent Persons for this Authority to enable the complaints to be dealt with in accordance with the requirements of the Localism Act 2011.

3.4 In accordance with Part 3(4) paragraph 4.1, of the Constitution, the Chief Executive consulted the Leader of Council prior to the delegated decisions. The

Chairman of Council and the Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group was subsequently notified of the delegated action taken.

3.5 In accordance with paragraph 4.1 of the Constitution, the urgent actions are being reported to Council for information.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS/EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

4.1 There are no additional financial implications.

4.2 Equality Impact Assessment (INRA) not required for the purposes of this report.

5.0 APPENDICES

None

| <u>Background Documents</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Contact Officer</u> |
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