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## OFFICER REPORT TO COUNCIL

### Interim Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel

#### **KEY ISSUE/DECISION:**

The Council is asked to consider the interim report and recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel in relation to the Independent Person.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

- 1 Under the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances)(England) Regulations 2003, the County Council is required to establish and maintain an Independent Remuneration Panel (the Panel) to make recommendations to the Council about the allowances to be paid to Members.
- 2 The Panel has been asked to consider whether an allowance should be paid to the Independent Person, a new role created under the Localism Act 2011 to deal with complaints about the conduct of a County Councillor. The attached report sets out its recommendations.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

The Council is invited to consider the report of the Independent Remuneration Panel and agree its recommendation that the Independent Person be paid travel expenses only in relation to their work with the Member Conduct Panel, but that this position be reviewed after one year once the workload and responsibility of the role has been established.

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#### **Sources/background papers:**

None