



OFFICER REPORT TO COUNCIL

REVIEW OF SELECT COMMITTEE TASK GROUP LEAD ROLE – REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL

KEY ISSUE/DECISION:

Council is invited to consider the Independent Remuneration Panel's report on the review of the Select Committee Task Group Role and the Panel's resulting recommendations.

BACKGROUND:

1. At its meeting on 13 October 2020, the Council approved the Select Committee Task Group Lead role profile. The Council also approved the Independent Remuneration Panel (the Panel) recommendation that the role should attract a new Special Responsibility Allowance (SRA) of £1,530. In approving these items, the Council asked that the Panel review the operation of the Select Committee Task Group Lead, and the associated SRA, in six months' time. The Panel was asked to review:
 - Whether the role was operating as set out in the approved role profile; and
 - Whether the SRA was set at an appropriate level.
2. This report has been prepared for the Council in line with its request and is attached as **Annex A**.
3. The Panel's conclusions are as follows:
 - **That the purpose, key duties and responsibilities as set out in the role profile are being discharged as set out in that profile;**
 - **That the role has clearly been part of a wider process that has seen enhanced scrutiny which adds value to the work of the Council and benefits the Surrey taxpayer;**
 - **That the role should continue to attract an SRA at its current level (see table below); and**
 - **That opportunities exist to embed and formalise how the arrangements for Task Groups are working, and the Panel provides its observations in the main body of this report.**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL:

The IRP recommends that:

The SRA for the Task Group Lead is retained at its current level and subject to annual inflationary adjustment in line with other Members' Allowances.

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Sources/background papers:

None

Annexes:

Annex A - Report of the IRP into the Special Responsibility Allowance for
Select Committee Task Group Leads - March 2021
