



North Devon Council

Report Date: Council: 12 January 2022

Topic: Independent Remuneration Panel Appointments

Report by: Senior Corporate and Community Services Officer

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. In accordance with the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003, the Council must establish an Independent Remuneration Panel to consider appropriate allowances for Members. The Council must have regard to recommendations from the Panel when deciding what allowances to set.
- 1.2. Council at its meeting on 17 January 2018 appointed the Independent Remuneration Panel and appointed Jeremy Filmer-Bennett and Bryony Houlden Chief Executive of South West Employers for a four year period. This four year period ends on 17 January 2022.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1. That Jeremy Filmer-Bennett and Bryony Houlden, Chief Executive of South West Employers be appointed to the Independent Remuneration Panel for a further four year period.

3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1. To ensure that the Council is compliant with legislation and that the re-appointment of two members of the Panel would enable some consistency.

4. REPORT

- 4.1. In order to consider what members allowances are appropriate, the Council must establish an Independent Remuneration Panel and consider any recommendations made by it.
- 4.2. The Panel should be made up of people who are not disqualified from being a Councillor and who are not already serving Councillors.
- 4.3. Jeremy Filmer Bennett and Bryony Houlden, Chief Executive of South West Employers have both confirmed that they would wish to be appointed to the Independent Remuneration Panel for a further four year period.
- 4.4. Since the appointment of the Panel by Council on 17 January 2018, one member of the Panel resigned. The Council advertised for members of the public to come forward to sit on the Panel. Council at its meeting on 29 September 2021 appointed Graham Russell to the Panel for a four year period.
- 4.5. Members of the Panel are entitled to receive expenses.



5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

5.1. There are no major resource implications from this report.

6. EQUALITIES ASSESSMENT

6.1. (Please detail if there are/are not any equalities implications anticipated as a result of this report. If so, please complete the Equality Impact Assessment Summary form available on Insite and email to the Corporate and Community Services Team at equality@northdevon.gov.uk).

There are no equalities implications anticipated as a result of this report.

7. CONSTITUTIONAL CONTEXT

7.1. Article 4, paragraph 4.5.8

7.2. Delegated power

8. STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY

8.1. This report contains no confidential information or exempt information under the provisions of Schedule 12A of 1972 Act.

9. BACKGROUND PAPERS

9.1. The following background papers were used in the preparation of this report: (The background papers are available for inspection and kept by the author of the report). None

10. STATEMENT OF INTERNAL ADVICE

10.1. The author (below) confirms that advice has been taken from all appropriate Councillors and Officers: Head of Governance and Solicitor