

Report to Council

Date of meeting: 18 October 2011

Subject: Annual Report of the Remuneration Panel
2010/11



Chairman: Councillor R Bassett

Recommendations:

That the following recommendation (numbered (11) in the report of the Remuneration Panel Report 2010-11) be adopted:

“That the reference to first class rail return fare in the current scheme in relation to travel to meetings outside the District or by members resident outside the District be removed from the scheme”

1. Introduction

1.1 Our Constitution and members Services Panel have been asked to review the most recent report of the Remuneration Panel on members' allowance. This followed earlier consideration at the Council meeting in June 2011.

2. Review

2.1 Scrutiny have now completed the review. In this, we were grateful to two members of the Remuneration Panel (Stephen Lye and Rosie Kelly) who attended our Panel meeting on 4 October and answered questions.

2.2 Our discussions were wide-ranging but the only substantive recommendation is shown at the commencement of this report. This was included in the report made by the Panel at the June Council meeting. We feel that this should be adopted as part of the scheme. This change is already part of the officer scheme for reimbursement of expenses and in the current climate, the option for first class rail should not be available to members.

3. Recommendation

3.1 We recommend as set out at the commencement of this report.