

POLICY AND RESOURCES

CABINET BOARD

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S OFFICE

**URGENT REPORT OF THE HEAD OF CORPORATE STRATEGY
AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES**

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DRAFT SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT – PAYMENTS TO CO-OPTED MEMBERS OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES

1.1. Purpose of Report

To advise Members of the draft supplementary report received and to obtain Members views towards developing an appropriate response, subject to any additional comments received from the Authority's co-opted members.

1.2. Background

- 1.2.1. The attached draft report constitutes a Supplementary Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales IRPW (the Panel) in accordance with Section 147 of the Local Government Measure (Wales) 2011 (the Measure). It relates to payments made to co-opted members of Principal Authorities, National Park Authorities and Fire and Rescue Authorities, who have the right to vote.
- 1.2.2 During a 10 week period, from March to June 2013 the Panel visited each of the 28 authorities and a significant number of points were raised at these meetings. The Panel will be considering these over the coming months in relation to their next or future Annual Reports
- 1.2.3 During the site visits several issues came to light in respect of payments to co-opted members that the Panel believes should be actioned in advance of their next Annual Report, which will not take effect until Spring 2014.
- 1.2.4 A copy of the attachment has been sent to the Authority's elected and co-opted voting members for their comments and we are currently awaiting responses to the draft supplementary report.
- 1.2.5 The current scheme in relation to co-opted members can be found at Table 2 of the Annual Report of the IRPW for the financial year 2013/14 issued in December 2012. Should amendment be made to the current scheme in line with the proposals it would be necessary to amend our current provision.
- 1.2.4 Responses to the Panel's draft supplementary report are required by no later than Thursday, 26 September 2014.

1.3 **Appendices**

Appendix 1 -

Draft Supplementary Report – Payments to Co-opted Members of Local Authorities (Doc Reference: PRB-030913-REP-CE-KJ-APP1-U)

1.4 **Recommendations**

1.5 To seek Members view on the Draft Supplementary Report – Payments to Co-opted Members of Local Authorities.

1.6. **Reason for Proposed Decision**

To respond to the IRPW’s Draft Supplementary Report – Payments to Co-opted Members of Local Authorities.

1.7. **List of Background Papers**

IRPW Draft Supplementary Report – 1 August 2013.

1.8 **Wards Affected**

All

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COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

DRAFT SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT – PAYMENTS TO CO-OPTED MEMBERS OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES

(a) **Implementation of Decisions**

The decision is proposed for implementation after the three day call-in period.

Sustainability Appraisal

Community Plan Impacts

Economic Prosperity	-	No Impact
Education & Lifelong Learning	-	No Impact
Better Health & Well Being	-	No Impact
Environment & Transport	-	No Impact
Crime & Disorder	-	No Impact

(b) **Other Impacts**

Welsh Language	-	No Impact
Sustainable Development	-	No Impact
Equalities	-	No Impact
Social Inclusion	-	No Impact

(c) **Consultation**

Consultation is currently being undertaken with the Authority's elected and co-opted voting members.