



REPORT OF THE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES SCHEME: AMENDMENT – Independent Person for Standards of Members' Conduct

At its meeting in November, the Council appointed the new Independent Person for standards of Members' conduct. The Independent Person is entitled to be paid an allowance for carrying out his duties and it has been agreed that he should be paid a flat rate of £1,000 per annum, by monthly instalments. For 2012/13, this will be a pro rata amount of £337 as payment will be due only for the period 28 November 2012 to 31 March 2013.

To give effect to this arrangement, amendment is required of paragraph 15 of the Council's Members' Allowances Scheme, and the Governance Committee now **RECOMMENDS to the Council that that paragraph be amended to read:**

15 Co-Optees and Independent Persons' Allowances

The standard rate of allowance for statutory co-optees is £117 per meeting attended.

The Independent Person for standards of Members' Conduct will be paid an annual allowance of £1,000, in monthly instalments.

Co-optees and Independent Persons will be reimbursed for all travel costs in accordance with the above, whether the travel is within or outside the Borough, but will not be paid subsistence.