

Title of Report: **Members' Allowances – Health Scrutiny**

Item 13

Report to be considered by: Council

Purpose of Report:

To consider the recommendation of the West Berkshire Independent Remuneration Panel in relation to the creation of a Special Responsibility Allowance for the Chairman of the Health Scrutiny Panel.

Recommended Action:

That the Council considers and determines the recommendation of the Independent Remuneration Panel in relation to the establishment of a Special Responsibility Allowance for the Chairman of the Health Scrutiny Panel in the sum of £2,125 with effect from 4 May 2004.

List of other options considered:

None

Key background documentation:

Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel

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Supporting Information

1. Background

- 1.1 The Council will recall that, at its meeting on 4 May 2004, it agreed to establish a Health Scrutiny Panel with a reporting line direct to Council. As a consequence of this decision the Council also requested the Independent Remuneration Panel to consider whether the position of Chairman of the Health Scrutiny Panel should attract a Special Responsibility Allowance.
- 1.2 The report of the Independent Remuneration Panel is attached from which it will be noted that the Panel are suggesting the payment of a Special Responsibility Allowance of £2,125 with effect from 4 May 2004.

Appendices

Appendix 13 – Report of the West Berkshire Independent Remuneration Panel

Implications

Policy:	The report accords with the Council's duty to review Members' Allowances.
Financial:	The introduction of a Special Responsibility Allowance for the Chairman of Health Scrutiny Panel in the sum of £2,125 will create a budget pressure in 2004/5.
Legal:	The process followed in reviewing the Allowances meets the requirements of the Regulations.

Consultation Responses

Local Stakeholders:	None
Officers Consulted:	Nick Carter, David Holling
Trade Union:	N/A