

**TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**COUNCIL**

**22 February 2007**

**Report of Chief Executive**

**Part 1- Public**

**Matters For Decision**

**1 MEMBERS ALLOWANCES - REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL**

- 1.1 Attached at Annex 1 is the report received from the Joint Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP) following its recent review of Members' Allowances.
- 1.2 The report makes the recommendation for a general increase to the level of annual allowances from 1 April 2007 in line with inflation.
- 1.3 The Estimates for 2007/08, that are contained elsewhere on this agenda for final approval, include an inflationary provision for an increase in Members' Allowances for the year 2007/08. This provision was based on the rate of RPI at the time the Estimates were compiled. The Director of Finance does not anticipate that there will be a problem meeting the IRP's recommendation to increase allowances in line with inflation.
- 1.4 The law requires that no changes to the Scheme of Members' Allowances can be made until the report of the IRP has been considered. The Council is not obliged to adopt the recommendations of the IRP but it is obliged to publish in local newspapers what the IRP recommended and what the Council determined.
- 1.5 The Council is requested to consider the report of the IRP and approve a revised Scheme of Member Allowances.

Background papers:

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Nil

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