

**88. INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS 2016 - 17**

**RECOMMENDED that**

- 1) the Council has regard to the report and recommendations from the Independent Remuneration Panel for 2016/17;**
- 2) the Council does not accept the recommendations at appendix 1 to the Panel's report for the following allowances:**

**Basic;  
Leader;  
Deputy Leader;  
Portfolio Holders;  
Executive Members without Portfolio;  
Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee;  
Members of Overview and Scrutiny Committee;  
Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Task Groups;  
Chair of Audit, Governance and Standards Committee;  
Chair of Planning Committee;  
Chair of Licensing Committee;  
Political Group Leaders; and  
Borough Council representatives on the Local Government Association and General Assembly and West Midlands Employers;**

- 3) the Council accepts the recommendations of the Panel relating to travel, subsistence and dependent carers' allowances;**
- 4) for 2016/17 the Basic and Special Responsibility Allowances in the Council's Allowances Scheme continue at the level set for 2015/16, as set out in the final column of appendix 1 to the Independent Remuneration Panel's report;**
- 5) the recommendation relating to the Parish Council be noted; and**
- 6) the Members' Allowances Scheme for 2016/17 remain unchanged, with the exception of the following inclusion into the travel allowances section:**

**"The rate for travel by Taxi Cab shall not exceed:**

- (i) In cases of urgency or where no public transport is reasonably available, the amount of the actual fare and any reasonable gratuity paid, and
- (ii) In any other case, the amount of the fare for travel by appropriate public transport.”