
Meeting: Council
Date: 30 January 2014
Subject: Police and Crime Panel Members - Allowances
Report of: Cllr Maurice Jones, Executive Member for Corporate Resources
Summary: The report brings to the Council's attention the conclusion of Bedford Borough Council's Independent Remuneration Panel on making any allowance to Bedfordshire Police and Crime Panel members from Home Office funding.

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Contact Officer: Mel Peaston, Committee Services Manager
Public/Exempt: Public
Wards Affected: All
Function of: Council

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Council Priorities:

The proposal in this report supports the following Council priority:

- Value for money – freezing council tax

as there is no proposal to introduce an allowance for members of the Bedfordshire Police and Crime Panel.

Financial:

1. The report has no financial implications. If any allowances were to be agreed for Police and Crime Panel members in the future, there would be financial implications which should be considered at that time.

Legal:

2. The report has no legal implications as there are no proposals to change the current position.

Risk Management:

3. There are no risk management implications.

Staffing (including Trades Unions):

4. There are no staffing implications.

Equalities/Human Rights:

5. There are no Equalities/Human Rights implications arising from this report.

Public Health

6. There are no public health implications.

Community Safety:

7. There are no community safety implications.

Sustainability:

8. There are no sustainability implications.

Procurement:

9. There are no procurement implications.

RECOMMENDATION:**Council is asked to:**

note the part of the report of the Independent Remuneration Panel to Bedford Borough Council on allowances for Bedfordshire Police and Crime Panel members, as set out at Appendix A attached.

Bedfordshire Police and Crime Panel - Allowances

10. The agreed Panel arrangements for the Bedfordshire Police and Crime Panel provide that no allowance will be paid by the Panel itself to any elected members representing the constituent authorities, except following consideration of a report from the host authority's Independent Remuneration Panel, and the approval of any proposed allowances by the constituent authorities.
11. At its meeting on 25 November, 2013 the Police and Crime Panel resolved to request Bedford Borough Council's Independent Remuneration Panel to consider and make recommendations to the three constituent authorities in respect of the payment of a Special Responsibility Allowance to the Panel's Chairman, and also to consider whether allowances should be available for other members of the Panel.

Independent Remuneration Panel's Report

12. The host authority's Independent Remuneration Panel has now met and considered the request, and the relevant paragraphs of the report to Bedford Borough's Council meeting on 15 January 2014 are attached.
13. Members' attention is drawn in particular to paragraphs 4.3 – 5.
14. Members are also advised that none of the three constituent authorities are currently paying their respective Panel members an allowance for this role.

Appendices:

Appendix A – section of report to Bedford Borough Council from its Independent Remuneration Panel.

Background Papers: (open to public inspection) - None

Note: Background documents are those which have been used to prepare the report, which are not already published and which are open to public inspection.