

HIGH PEAK BOROUGH COUNCIL

Standards Committee

23 March 2022

TITLE:	Parish Remuneration Panel
EXECUTIVE COUNCILLOR:	Councillor Alan Barrow – Executive Councillor for Corporate Services and Finance
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WARDS INVOLVED:	Non-Specific

Appendices Attached: None

1. Reason for the Report

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to propose the establishment of a Parish Remuneration Panel.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That a Parish Remuneration Panel be established and that the Council's two serving Independent Persons and one of the applicable Independent Members of the Audit and Regulatory Committee be appointed to form the Panel.

3. Executive Summary

- 7.1 The role of the Standards Committee includes advising the Council on Members' allowances, a role that also extends to parish councils. The arrangements for parish council allowances are contained in Part 5 of the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003. These state that where an authority proposes to pay a parish basic allowance, whether to its chairman only or to each of its members (elected or non-elected), it must have regard, in setting the level or levels of such allowances, to the recommendations made by a parish remuneration panel which may be established by a responsible authority (which would be the Borough Council).
- 7.2 The Council has received notification from Chapel-en-le-Frith Parish Council that it intends to increase the allowance that it currently pays to its members

from £120.00 per annum to £199.64 per annum and has formally requested that the Council establish a Parish Remuneration Panel to consider this matter further.

7.3 The Regulations state that a remuneration panel shall consist of at least three members none of whom:

- Is also a member of an authority in respect of which it makes recommendations or is a member of a committee or sub-committee of such an authority or
- Is disqualified from being or becoming a member of an authority

7.4 It is proposed that the Committee appoints its two serving Independent Persons and one of the applicable Independent Members of the Audit and Regulatory Committee to form a Parish Remuneration Panel.

4. **How this report links to Corporate Priorities**

4.1 Not Applicable.

5. **Alternative Options**

5.1 The Council is required to establish a Parish Remuneration following a request from a parish or town Council.

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Web Links and Background Papers

None

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