

RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

MUNICIPAL YEAR 2017 – 2018

COUNCIL AGM

17 MAY 2017

**JOINT REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF
LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES AND
GROUP DIRECTOR, CORPORATE AND
FRONTLINE SERVICES**

	Agenda Item No. 12
MEMBERS' SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES - INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL FOR WALES' NINTH ANNUAL REPORT	

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1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To inform Members of the current position regarding both Members' salaries and allowances following the publication of the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales' Ninth Annual Report (the 'IRP Report') and seek approval for Members' salaries and allowances for Municipal Year 2017-18.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 To note the current position with regard to Members' salaries and allowances following the Independent Remuneration Panel's ("the Panel") findings in its Ninth Annual Report.
- 2.2 Following his/her appointment to note the Leader's determination with regards to the level at which Executive (Cabinet) Members should be remunerated in accordance with the Executive Member remuneration bandings detailed in paragraph 3.9 of this report.
- 2.3 To obtain instructions from Council as to which level Committee Chairs shall be remunerated in accordance with the Committee Chair remuneration bandings detailed in paragraph 3.12 of this report.
- 2.4 To obtain instructions from Council as to which level the Mayor and Deputy Mayor of the Council shall be remunerated in accordance with the Civic Salary remuneration bandings detailed in paragraph 3.16 of this report.
- 2.5 To obtain instructions from Council as to which qualifying posts (up to a maximum of 19) will be paid a Senior Salary for Municipal Year 2017-18. A list of the posts that attract a Senior Salary and the amount that would be payable to each is annexed at Appendix 1. A list of the 17 posts to which a Senior Salary was paid for Municipal Year 2016-2017

by the Council is annexed at Appendix 2 to this report. Members are asked to note that the Chair of the Audit Committee during the 2016-2017 Municipal Year (who is appointed by the Committee itself) was the Co-opted Lay Member of the Committee – hence no Senior Salary was paid for this post. It is therefore recommended that Council determine whether or not this post should be paid a Senior Salary for the 2017-2018 Municipal Year if the appointed Chair of the Committee is not the Co-opted Lay Member.

- 2.6 That Members agree payments to co-opted members continue to be capped at a maximum of the equivalent of 10 full days a year for each committee to which an individual may be co-opted and eligible to attend.
- 2.7 That Members agree undertaking constituency duties should not be included as an approved duty for the purpose of claiming travel allowances.
- 2.8 That Members re-confirm subsistence claims for official business which takes place in-county shall not be reimbursed by the Council.
- 2.9 That Members note the publicity requirements of the IRP Report that the Council will need to undertake in respect of the arrangements for the publication of the remuneration received by Members during the Municipal Year.
- 2.10 In accordance with paragraph 3.35 of the report in respect of the publication of the reimbursement of the costs of care to determine which of the following options provided by the Panel it considers appropriate to publish and adopt:
 - 1) The details of the amounts reimbursed to named Members; or
 - 2) The total amount reimbursed by the Council during the year but not attributed to any named member.
- 2.11 Determine whether to pay a salary to the Chair of the Cwm Taf Public Services Board Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee, in accordance with the criteria set out in paragraph 3.45(i) and, if relevant, 3.45(ii) of the report.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 A full copy of the IRP Report can be accessed via the following link: -
<http://gov.wales/docs/dsjlg/publications/localgov/170223-annual-report-en.pdf>
- 3.2 The Panel originally determined (IRP Annual Report, December 2009) that the payment of Basic Salary would be aligned to the median gross earnings of full-time employees resident in Wales as reported in the

Annual Survey of Hourly Earnings (ASHE). Given the pressures on public expenditure it was not possible for this alignment to be maintained. The Panel will revisit in a future report the basis on which the Basic Salary has been determined.

- 3.3 The Panel has decided to make an increase to the annual Basic Salary for Municipal Year 2017-18 of £100 (which is approximately 0.75%). The Panel believes this will help limit further erosion of relative levels of remuneration in the Basic Salary paid in recognition of the duties expected of all elected members. No increase has been made for Senior Salaries but the post holders will receive the uplift in the Basic Salary entitlement.
- 3.4 There is also no change to the maximum proportion of Members who are eligible to receive a Senior Salary. Therefore, the maximum proportion of the Council's membership which can be paid a Senior Salary remains capped at 19.
- 3.5 The list of posts which meet the qualifying criteria and would attract Senior Salaries for this Council are set out at Appendix 1. At present 17 Senior Salaries are paid by this Council and these are set out at Appendix 2 to this report.
- 3.6 The salaries for this Council together with allowances for 2017-18 that would be payable are as follows: -

Basic and Senior Salaries

Basic Salary	£13,400
Senior Salaries (<u>inclusive of Basic Salary</u>) (payable to a maximum of 19 posts)	
Band 1	
Leader	£53,100
Deputy Leader	£37,100
Band 2	
Executive members – Level 1	£32,100
Executive members – Level 2	£28,900
Band 3	
Committee Chairs – Level 1	£22,100
Committee Chairs – Level 2	£20,100
Band 4	
Leader of largest opposition group	£22,100

Band 5 £17,100
 Leaders of other political groups (a political group other than controlling/ largest opposition group (if any) which comprises not less than ten per cent of the members of the Council)

Executive Member and Committee Chair salaries

3.7 The 2016 Annual Report introduced two levels of salary for members of Council executives and committee chairs of principal authorities. This was to provide flexibility to enable authorities to reflect, in their schedules of remuneration, variations in the level of responsibility of portfolios and chairs. The Panel has retained the flexibility to reflect variations in the levels of responsibility in the remuneration applied to specific senior posts for 2017-18.

Executive Member salaries

3.8 The Panel concluded that some executive members do have greater responsibility and workloads than others but this was largely dependent on the specific organisational arrangements of the cabinets of each authority. For example some authorities (as did this Council during the last Municipal Year) operate with fewer cabinet members than the statutory maximum of 10 and thus the range of individual portfolios may be greater. It is not the IRP's role to determine the structure of the Council's Cabinet so the determination below provides flexibility for each authority to decide the appropriate range of portfolios to meet local needs recognising that there is an inevitable variation on the level of responsibility and workload.

3.9 Executive Members may be paid at either of the following two Senior Salary levels and it is a matter for each individual authority to decide the implementation of the determinations within their specific cabinet structures:

Executive Members – Level 1	£32,100
Executive Members – Level 2	£28,900

3.10 In view of the model that this Council operates whereby the Leader appoints his/her Cabinet the Leader determines which level each Member of the Cabinet should be remunerated at and Council is asked to note their determination with regards to that level.

Committee Chair salaries

3.11 As noted above, in 2016 the Panel introduced two levels of remuneration (where paid) for chairs of committees and it is a matter

for each individual authority to determine at which level a chair is paid to reflect the appropriate responsibility attached to the post.

3.12 That determination remains for 2017-18 and is as follows: -

Level 1 Chairs - £22,100

Level 2 Chairs - £20,100

Basic and Senior Salaries: Other Matters

3.13 The Panel stipulates the following:

3.13.1 The Basic Salary is paid for the responsibility of community representation and participation in the scrutiny, regulatory or related function of local governance at the time equivalent of three days a week. Any time commitment beyond three days is an unpaid public service contribution.

3.13.2 The prescribed salary and expenses must be paid in full to each Member unless an individual has independently and voluntarily opted in writing to the Monitoring Officer to forego all or any element of the payment.

3.13.3 A Member must not be paid more than one Senior Salary (subject to paras 3.45 - 3.46 on JOSCs).

3.13.4 All Senior Salaries are paid inclusive of Basic Salary.

3.13.5 The Council must pay a Senior Salary to the leader of the largest opposition group (subject to the not less than 10% of total membership requirement).

3.13.6 The Council must, if it determines such a post be remunerated, pay a Senior Salary (Band 5) to leaders of other political groups (subject to the not less than 10% of total membership requirement).

3.13.7 Where Councils enter into joint arrangements the Senior Salary (if paid) of the chair of the joint-committee shall be paid by his/her Council. This Senior Salary will count against that Council's maximum.

Civic Salaries

3.14 The Panel has maintained its view that it is appropriate for authorities to set remuneration levels of Civic Heads (and their deputies) which reflect activity and responsibility rather than population. It has set three levels of Civic Salary for each of these roles which can be paid by authorities according to local factors.

3.15 Therefore having regard to the time, role and senior responsibilities of civic heads and deputy civic heads, the Panel has determined that (where paid) Civic Salaries within the levels set out in paragraph 3.16 below are payable and should be applied by the Council as it considers appropriate taking into account anticipated workloads and responsibilities.

3.16

Remuneration of civic heads and deputy civic heads (inclusive of Basic Salaries)		
	Civic Heads	Deputy Civic heads
Level 1	£24,100	£18,100
Level 2	£21,600	£16,100
Level 3	£19,100	£14,100

3.17 For the 2016-17 Municipal Year this Council determined that the Mayor and Deputy Mayor of the Council be remunerated at the Level 2 banding.

3.18 The Council may decide not to apply any Civic Salary to the posts of Mayor and/or deputy Mayor.

3.19 The posts of Mayor and deputy Mayor are not included in the Senior Salary cap of 19.

3.20 Members must not be paid a Senior Salary and a Civic Salary.

3.21 The Panel's principle that a member should not have to pay for the cost of support (see paras 3.30 - 3.32 below) needed to carry out the duties applies particularly in the case of civic heads. The Panel recognises the range of different levels of provision made for civic heads in respect of transport, secretarial support, charitable giving or clothing. The Panel does not consider it appropriate for councils to expect or require that contributions towards this provision should be met from the salaries paid to civic heads.

Co-opted Members

3.22 The Panel has determined that for 2017-18, the Council must pay the following fees to co-opted members (who have voting rights):

Chair, Standards Committee; Chair, Audit Committee	£256 (4 hours and over) £128 (up to 4 hours)
Ordinary members of standards committees; education scrutiny committee; crime and disorder scrutiny committee and audit committee	£198 (4 hours and over) £99 (up to 4 hours)
Ordinary member of standards committees who also chair standards committees for community and town councils	£226 (4 hours and over) £113 (up to 4 hours)
Community and Town councilors sitting on principal council committees	£198 (4 hours and over) £99 (up to 4 hours)

- 3.23 In the IRP Report the Panel has confirmed that Councils can continue to decide on the maximum number of days for which co-opted members may be paid in any one year.
- 3.24 Previously payments were capped at a maximum of the equivalent of 10 full days a year for each committee to which an individual may be co-opted and eligible to attend and it is recommended Members agree to maintain this cap.
- 3.25 The Panel has confirmed that reasonable time for pre meeting preparation is eligible to be included in claims made by co-opted members the extent of which can be determined by the appropriate officer in advance of the meeting.
- 3.26 Travelling time to and from the place of the meeting can be included in the claims for payments to co-opted members (up to the maximum of the daily rate).
- 3.27 The appropriate officer within the Council can determine in advance whether a meeting is programmed for a full day and the fee will be paid on the basis of this determination even if the meeting finishes before four hours has elapsed.
- 3.28 Meetings eligible for the payment of the fee include other committees and working groups (including task and finish groups), pre-meetings with officers, training and attendance at conferences or any other formal meeting to which co-opted members are requested to attend.

Forgoing any part of the salary, allowance or fee

- 3.29 Under Section 154 of the Measure, any Member or co-opted member may by notice in writing to the Monitoring Officer elect to forgo any part of their entitlement to a salary, allowance or fee under the determination of the Panel for that particular year.

Supporting the work of Members

- 3.30 The Panel has determined that the Council, through its Democratic Services Committee, must ensure all its Members are given as much support as is necessary to enable them to fulfil their duties effectively. All elected Members should be provided with adequate telephone and email facilities and electronic access to appropriate information. The Panel expects that the support provided should take account of the specific needs of individual members.
- 3.31 The Panel has determined such support should be without cost to individual Members. Deductions must not be made from Members' salaries as a contribution towards the costs of support which the

Council considers necessary for the effectiveness and/or efficiency of Members.

- 3.32 As stated above it falls within the remit of the Democratic Services Committee to review the level of support provided to Members to carry out their duties and the Panel expects this Committee to do so and bring proposals to full Council as to what is considered to be reasonable.

Reimbursement of Care Expenses

- 3.33 The Panel has decided that for 2017-18 all Councils must make provision for a maximum rate payable of £403 per month to elected Members and co-opted members who incur necessary expenses for the care of dependent children and adults (provided by informal or formal carers) and for personal assistance needs. Reimbursements shall only be made on production of receipts from the carer.
- 3.34 The reimbursement of the costs of care is intended to enable any person whose ability to participate as a member of an authority would be limited by their responsibilities as a carer, or for a member to receive care support to enable that individual to carry out their role. The Panel recognises that there is some sensitivity concerning the publication of this legitimate expense and has reflected this in the options for publication. However, the Panel urges authorities to promote this reimbursement and encourage greater take-up of this support to facilitate participation amongst existing authority members and encourage diversity among future elected members. Such provision would be especially relevant to those individuals in sectors of the population that are currently under-represented in local government but who may become engaged when awareness of the support available for the costs of care becomes more widely known.
- 3.35 In respect of the publication of the reimbursement of the costs of care, the Panel has decided to provide the Council with two options. To publish:
- 1) The details of the amounts reimbursed to named Members; or
 - 2) The total amount reimbursed by the Council during the year but not attributed to any named member.

It is a matter for the Council to decide which of these options for publication it considers appropriate.

Reimbursement of Travel Expenses

- 3.36 The Panel has decided there will be no change in 2017-18 to mileage rates that can be claimed for travel. These remain linked to current HMRC rates which are:

45p per mile – Up to 10,000 miles in a year by car

25p per mile – Over 10,000 miles by car

5p per mile – Per passenger carried on Council business

24p per mile – Motorcycles

20p per mile – Bicycles

- 3.37 All other claims for travel, such as bus and taxi fares, will only be reimbursed on production of a receipt showing the actual expense, and are subject to any requirement or further limitation that the Council may determine. Members and co-opted members should always be mindful of choosing the most cost effective method of travel.

Approved Duties – Extension

- 3.38 In its fifth report the Panel decided that Councils may define 'official business' to include Members' undertaking constituency responsibilities for which travel expenses may be reimbursed.

- 3.39 At the last Annual Meeting Members decided that undertaking constituency duties should not be included as an approved duty for the purposes of claiming travel allowances. Members will therefore need to resolve whether they wish to continue with this arrangement for Municipal Year 2016-17.

Reimbursement of Expenses: Subsistence

- 3.40 The maximum rates for subsistence which can be claimed are set out below (all claims must be supported by receipts):

£28 per day Day allowance for meals, including breakfast, where not provided in the overnight charge

£200 per night London

£95 per night Elsewhere

£30 per night Staying with friends and/or family

- 3.41 Overnight accommodation should usually be reserved and paid for by the Council itself. It is not necessary to allocate the maximum daily rate (£28 per day) between different meals, as the maximum daily rate reimbursable covers a 24 hour period and can be claimed for any meal during this period, provided such a claim is supported by receipts.

Subsistence claims within Council boundaries

- 3.42 Council will need to consider whether it wishes to maintain the restriction in respect of such subsistence claims, and that for 2017-18 subsistence expenses for official business which takes place in-county shall only be

reimbursed by the Council when the Council is satisfied it can be justified on economic grounds

- 3.43 The Panel accepts that different considerations apply when official business requires a member to travel beyond county boundaries when additional subsistence costs may be incurred. In this case, reimbursement of subsistence, subject to the specified limits, is acceptable.

Pension provision for Elected Members

- 3.44 The entitlement to join the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) shall apply to all elected Members of the Council.

Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committees (“JOSC”)

- 3.45 For 2017-2018 the Panel has determined the following:
- (i) The chair of a JOSC is eligible for a salary equivalent to that part of a Band 3 Level 2 Senior Salary that remunerates a committee chair of a principal authority (£6,700 per annum).
 - (ii) In cases where the chair is already in receipt of a Senior Salary for a Band 3, 4 or 5 role the payment will be £3,350 per annum.
 - (iii) The chair of a sub-committee of a JOSC is eligible for a salary set at £1,675 per annum.
 - (iv) In cases where the chair of the sub-committee is already in receipt of a Senior Salary for a Band 3, 4 or 5 role the payment will be £837 per annum.
 - (v) Payments to chairs of task and finish sub-committees are to be pro-rated to the duration of the task.
 - (vi) Payments to a chair of a JOSC or a chair of a sub-committee of a JOSC are additional to the maximum proportion of the Council's membership eligible for a Senior Salary.
 - (vii) A deputy chair of a JOSC or sub-committee is not eligible for payment.
 - (viii) Co-optees to a JOSC or to a sub-committee are not eligible for a Co-optee member fee unless they are appointed by an authority under s144(5) of the Measure.
- 3.46 The remuneration of chairs of JOSC's (or a sub-committee of JOSCs) is not prescribed and is a matter for the constituent Councils to decide whether such a post will be paid. At the time of writing this report the Council participates in one JOSC with Merthyr Tydfil CBC, namely the

Cwm Taf Public Services Board Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee. For Municipal Year 2017-18 it has been determined that this Authority will chair meetings of this committee and therefore Council will need to determine whether or not to remunerate the Chair in accordance with paragraph 3.45 above.

Family Absence

3.47 The Family Absence Regulations apply to elected members in cases of maternity, newborn, adoption and parental absences from official business. For 2017-2018 the Panel has determined the following: -

- i) An elected Member is entitled to retain a Basic Salary when taking family absence under the Family Absence Regulations irrespective of the attendance record immediately preceding the commencement of the family absence.
- ii) When a Senior Salary holder is eligible for family absence, he/she will be able to continue to receive the salary for the duration of the absence.
- iii) It is a matter for the Council to decide whether or not to make a substitute appointment. The elected Member substituting for a Senior Salary holder taking family absence will be eligible to be paid a Senior Salary, if the Council so decides.
- iv) If the paid substitution results in the Council exceeding the maximum number of Senior Salaries, an addition to the maximum will be allowed for the duration of the substitution. Specific approval of Welsh Ministers is required in such circumstances.
- v) When a Council agrees a paid substitution for family absence, the Panel must be informed, within 14 days of the date of the decision, of the details including the particular post and the duration of the substitution.
- vi) The schedule of remuneration must be amended to reflect the implication of the family absence.

Sickness Absence For Senior Salary Holders

3.48 The Family Absence Regulations are very specific relating to entitlement and only available for elected members of principal councils. Absence for reasons of ill-health is not included. Instances have been raised with the Panel of Senior Salary holders on long term sickness and the perceived unfairness in comparison with the arrangements for family absence. In consequence, councils are faced with the dilemma of:

- Operating without the individual member but still paying him/her the Senior Salary.
- Replacing the member who therefore loses the Senior Salary (but retains the Basic Salary).

3.49 The Panel has considered this and is amending the Framework to provide specific arrangements for long term sickness as set out below:

- i) Long term sickness is defined as certified absences in excess of 4 weeks.
- ii) The maximum length of sickness absence within these proposals is 26 weeks or until the individual's term of office ends, whichever is sooner (but if reappointed any remaining balance of the 26 weeks will be included).
- iii) Within these parameters a Senior Salary holder on long term sickness can, if the Council decides continue to receive remuneration for the post held.
- iv) It is a decision of the Council whether to make a substitute appointment but the substitute will be eligible to be paid the Senior Salary appropriate to the post.
- v) If the paid substitution results in the Council exceeding the maximum number of senior salaries payable, an addition will be allowed for the duration of the substitution. It would not apply in respect of an Executive Member if it would result in the Cabinet exceeding 10 posts - the statutory maximum.
- vi) When the Council agrees a paid substitution the Panel must be informed within 14 days of the decision of the details including the specific post and the estimated length of the substitution. The Council's Schedule of Remuneration must be amended accordingly.
- vii) It does not apply to elected members of principal councils who are not senior post holders as they continue to receive Basic Salary for at least six months irrespective of attendance and any extension beyond this timescale is a matter for the Council.

Specific or Additional Senior Salaries

3.50 The Panel has allowed for greater flexibility through the provision for the Council to apply for specific or additional senior salaries that do not fall within the current remuneration framework or which could not be accommodated within the maximum number of Senior Salaries relating to the Council.

- 3.51 The Panel has issued guidance in respect of making such applications and a full copy of that guidance can be accessed via the following link:

<http://wales.gov.uk/irpwsb/home/publication/201415/guidance-for-salaries/?lang=en>

Implementation 2017-18

- 3.52 For both Basic and Senior Salaries the provisions of the IRP Report will take effect from the date of the annual meeting of the Council.

Compliance and the publicity requirements

- 3.53 The Council must maintain an annual Schedule of Member Remuneration (the 'Schedule'). Annex 3 to the IRP Report sets out the content that must be included in the Schedule. The Panel have produced a template Schedule which the Council has adopted.
- 3.54 The Council publishes the Schedule's on its website. It must do so as soon as practicable after determination and not later than 31 July next following the start of the year to which it applies.
- 3.55 The Council must also make arrangements for publication the total sum paid by it to each Member and co-opted Member in respect of salary, allowances, fees and reimbursements as soon as practicable and no later than 30 September following the close of the year to which it relates. Annex 4 to the IRP Report sets out the content that must be included. The Schedule of Member Responsibility and Remuneration must be sent to the Panel at the same time as the Council publishes it on its website.

APPENDIX 1

**POSTS THAT ATTRACT SENIOR SALARIES
(CAPPED AT 19 POSTS)
MUNICIPAL YEAR – 2017-2018**

Note: - There are 24 posts (subject to a Cabinet of 9 Members) listed below which would meet the qualifying criteria for a Senior Salary (as set out in the IRP Report). No Member may receive more than one Senior Salary.

N.B. STATED AMOUNTS ALL INCLUSIVE OF BASIC SALARY

POSITION	AMOUNT (£)
Leader	£53,100
Deputy Leader	£37,100
Executive (Cabinet Member) (x7)	£32,100 – Level 1 £28,900 – Level 2
Development Control/Planning and Development Committee Chair	£22,100 - Level 1 £20,100 – Level 2
Licensing Committee Chair	£22,100 - Level 1 £20,100 – Level 2
Overview and Scrutiny Committee Chair	£22,100 - Level 1 £20,100 – Level 2
Scrutiny Committee Chairs (x4)	£22,100 - Level 1 £20,100 – Level 2
Corporate Governance and Constitution Committee Chair	£22,100 - Level 1 £20,100 – Level 2
Appeals Committee Chair	£22,100 - Level 1 £20,100 – Level 2
Appointments Committee Chair	£22,100 - Level 1 £20,100 – Level 2
Democratic Services Committee Chair	£22,100 - Level 1 £20,100 – Level 2
Audit Committee Chair	£22,100 - Level 1 £20,100 – Level 2
Pension Fund Committee Chair	£22,100 - Level 1 £20,100 – Level 2
Leader of Opposition (largest group)* *must be paid subject to relevant criteria being met	£22,100
Leader of other Political Groups* *Council to determine whether Senior Salary is paid and payment subject to relevant criteria being met	£17,100

APPENDIX 2

**POSTS THAT ATTRACTED SENIOR SALARIES
PAID BY THIS COUNCIL DURING THE 2016-2017 MUNICIPAL YEAR**

Note: - These are the 17 posts which met the qualifying criteria for a Senior Salary (as set out in the IRP Report) paid by this Council during the 2016-2017 Municipal Year. The amount shown is the amount that would be paid as a Senior Salary entitlement should Members resolve to pay the same posts Senior Salaries at the same levels as 2016-2017 for Municipal Year 2017-18.

N.B. STATED AMOUNTS ALL INCLUSIVE OF BASIC SALARY

POSITION	AMOUNT (£)
Leader	£53,100
Deputy Leader	£37,100
Executive (Cabinet Member) (x7)	£32,100 (Level 1)
Development Control Committee Chair	£22,100 (Level 1)
Licensing Committee Chair	£22,100 (Level 1)
Overview and Scrutiny Committee Chair	£22,100 (Level 1)
Scrutiny Committee Chairs (x4)	£22,100 (Level 1)
Leader of Opposition* *must be paid subject to relevant criteria being met	£22,100 (Level 1)

Members should note that the Chair of Audit Committee during the 2016 - 2017 Municipal Year (who is appointed by the Committee itself) was the co-opted lay Member of the Committee – hence no Senior Salary was paid for this post.

It is therefore recommended that Council determine whether or not this post should be paid a Senior Salary for the 2017-2018 Municipal Year if the appointed Chair of the Committee is not a co-opted lay Member.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

as amended by

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

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