

AGENDA ITEM 6

CORPORATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

25 JANUARY 2006

INDEPENDENT PANEL ON MEMBERS' REMUNERATION APPOINTMENTS

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PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. To inform Members of the expiry of terms of office of three members of the Independent Panel on Members' Remuneration, and to recommend recruitment.

BACKGROUND

- 2 At its meeting of 23 December 2002, Committee agreed a revised structure for, and a 'rolling programme' of appointment to, the Independent Panel for Members' Remuneration. In order to ensure a broad range of experience, Committee ordered that wherever possible appointments should be made from a broad group of stakeholder groups. Committee agreed that the Panel Membership should, where possible, include one member from the faith communities and voluntary sector, and two members from the general community.
- 3 The term of office in respect of the Chair, Dr Jim Whiston, who represents the faith communities and voluntary sector, expired during 2005. The terms of office in respect of Mr Dennis Lane and Mr George Melville, who represent the general community, expire at the end of May 2006.
- 4 Previously, recruitment to the Panel has been undertaken by a number of methods, including writing to the relevant stakeholder organisations or their representative bodies inviting nominations, and by way of advertisements on the local paper.

- 5 The Panel is currently considering whether it is necessary to make any further recommendations to Council in respect of changes to the current scheme of allowances.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6 It is recommended that once the Panel has finalised its current deliberations and has reported to the Council, recruitment to the above three posts is undertaken.
- 7 In relation to the recruitment process, it is recommended that the main faith, voluntary sector and community groups are written to asking for nominations, and that an advertisement is placed in the local paper inviting applications from any member of the public in respect of the places available for the general community.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

Minutes of the Corporate Affairs Committee, 23 December 2002