

## **Hambleton District Council**

**Report To:** Council  
14 September 2021

**From:** Director of Law and Governance (Monitoring Officer)

**Subject:** **Appointments to the Independent Remuneration Panel**

All Wards  
Scrutiny Committee

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### **1.0 Purpose and Background**

- 1.1 The Council is required to approve the membership of the Independent Remuneration Panel.
- 1.2 The current four-year term of office expires in September 2021. A recruitment exercise was undertaken between June and July 2021. There were three applicants for the positions, Mr J White, Mr A Sumner and Ms D Yates.
- 1.3 It is a requirement of the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003 that the Independent Remuneration Panel comprises at least three independent members.
- 1.4 The Members' Appointments Panel was consulted on the three applications. The Appointments Panel was satisfied with the suitability of the applicants and recommends their appointment to Council.

### **2.0 Decisions Sought**

- 2.1 The Council is asked to approve the appointments of Mr J White, Mr A Sumner and Ms D Yates to the Independent Remuneration Panel for the remainder of the term of the Council, until March 2023. The appointment of Members to an Independent Remuneration Panel thereafter will be a matter for the newly established Unitary Authority.

### **3.0 Legal Implications**

- 3.1 In accordance with the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, the Local Government Act 2000, and the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003, the Council is required to establish and maintain, and to have regard to the recommendations of, an Independent Remuneration Panel when determining any councillors' allowances scheme.

#### **4.0 Equality/Diversity Issues**

4.1 Equality and Diversity Issues have been considered. However, there are no issues associated with this report.

#### **5.0 Recommendations**

5.1 It is recommended that Council approves the appointment of Mr J White, Mr A Sumner and Ms D Yates to the Independent Remuneration Panel for the remainder of the term of the Council, until March 2023.

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**Background papers:** None

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