

**REPORT OF ADMINISTRATION & DEMOCRATIC SERVICES MANAGER**

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**SUBJECT: INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL FOR WALES  
CONSULTATION ON REMUNERATION FOR MEMBERS OF  
NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITIES IN WALES**

Purpose of the report

The report seeks Members' opinion on the recent consultation by the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales on remuneration for Members of National Park Authorities in Wales.

Background

Members will be aware that, at the Authority's meeting held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2013, a report was presented on the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales' draft Annual Report for 2014/15, in which were set out the Panel's proposals for Member remuneration for the forthcoming financial year. Members resolved at that meeting that, as the Panel was an independent body established to determine Member remuneration, they had no comment to make on the draft Report.

However, the Brecon Beacons National Park Authority had asked the Panel during their visit to consider alternative remuneration arrangements, in particular to take into account issues of poor attendance by some Members. The Panel indicated that it was not possible to change the arrangements proposed for the forthcoming financial year, but that they would give consideration to possible options that could be considered for the future.

As a result, the three Welsh National Park Authorities, together with their constituent local authorities, have now been consulted on a range of options provided by the Brecon Beacons NPA, and a copy is appended to this report.

It should be pointed out to Members that attendance at meetings of this Authority is high, with most Members achieving at least 70% attendance. Some Members are achieving over 90%, while two Members are currently on 100% attendance.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**Members' opinion is sought on the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales' consultation paper in respect of the remuneration of Members of National Park Authorities in Wales.**

Background documents

Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales consultation: *The remuneration of Members of National Park Authorities in Wales*

Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Draft Annual Report 2014/15  
Report to the National Park Authority on the Draft Annual Report: 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2013

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