

**LLANTWIT FARDRE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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COUNCIL

30TH OCTOBER, 2023

REPORT OF THE CLERK

1. INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL FOR WALES – DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT 2024/25

1.1 In accordance with the requirements of Section 147 of the Local Government (Wales) Measure, 2011, the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales have prepared their Draft Annual Report 2024/25.

1.2 The Draft Annual Report for 2024/25 was published on the 13th October, 2023 and the link to the report is below:-

Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Draft Annual Report – February 2024

1.3 In 2021 the Panel established five groups based on the size of the Council's electorate. This Council is in Group 2 as shown in the table below:-

Type of Payment	Requirement
Reimbursement for time spend on Community Council matters (previously known as basic payment)	£156 mandatory for all Members. All Councils must pay their Members £156 a year (equivalent to £3 a week) towards the extra household expenses (including heating, lighting, power and broadband) or working from home.
Reimbursement for office consumables whilst working from home.	£52 mandatory for all Members. All Councils must pay their Members £52 a year (equivalent to £1 a week) towards the cost of office consumables whilst working from home.

Senior Role Payment	Mandatory for 1 Member: Optional up to 5
Mayor or Chair of Council	Optional: up to a maximum of £1,500
Deputy Mayor or Deputy Chair of Council	Optional: up to a maximum of £500
Attendance Allowance	Optional
Financial loss	Optional
Travel and Subsistence	Optional
Cost of Care	Mandatory

- 1.5 There are no changes to the 2023/24 Annual Report other than the Panel proposes that from September, 2024, the returns need only show the total amounts paid in respect of the mandatory payments, as shown in the table above. That is the £156 contribution to the cost of working from home and the £52 set rate consumables allowance and the travel and subsistence expenses paid. Therefore, individual Councillors will not be named as it was felt sufficient to simply list the total amounts paid and the total number of recipients. This will give the right balance between accountability and individual privacy. It was hoped by the Panel that the non-identity of individuals claiming would encourage all to accept the payments they are entitled to.
- 1.6 The closing date for any representations to the draft Annual Report 2024/25 is the 8th December, 2023.

2. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that Members:-

- 2.1 Note the information as outlined in the report;
- 2.2 Note that any representations need to be made by the 8th December, 2023;
- 2.3 That the determinations of the Panel be reported at a meeting of the Finance and Policy Committee to assist Members in making an informed recommendation to Council in respect of determining the budget and precept for 2024/25.