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Minutes of the meeting of the **EAST KENT JOINT INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL** held at the Council Offices, Whitfield on Monday, 29 February 2016 at 2.30 pm.

Present:

Chairman: Mr K London

Councillors: Mr W Ferrier
Mr A Goodall
Mrs S Longden

Officers: Team Leader – Democratic Support

26 ELECTION OF A CHAIRMAN

The Team Leader – Democratic Support called for nominations for Chairman for the remainder of the municipal year 2015/16.

It was proposed by Mr A R Goodall and duly seconded that Mr K London be elected Chairman.

In the absence of any other nominations it was:

RESOLVED: That Mr K London be appointed Chairman for the remainder of the municipal year 2015/16.

27 APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was received from Mrs K Sabin-Dawson.

28 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 1 April 2015 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

29 THANET DISTRICT COUNCIL: MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES SCHEME 2016/17

The Team Leader – Democratic Support presented the report to the Panel for its consideration.

The consensus view of members of the Panel was that the Members' Allowance Scheme was within the limits of the Panel's previous recommendations.

The introduction of the National Living Wage (£7.20 per hour) in April 2016 as a replacement for the National Minimum Wage (£6.70 per hour) was raised in respect of the Dependent Carers Allowance which was index linked against the later. It was agreed that it was more appropriate to index link to the National Living Wage.

It was noted that the commencement date on the Scheme would need to be amended once adopted.

RESOLVED: That it be recommended to Thanet District Council that the Members' allowances Scheme 2016/17 be approved subject to a change for the

index linking of the Dependent Carers Allowance from the National Minimum Wage to the National Living Wage of £7.20 per hour.

30 DOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL: MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES SCHEME 2016/17

The Team Leader – Democratic Support presented Dover District Council's Members' Allowances Scheme 2016/17. The Panel was advised that no changes had been made to the Scheme for 2015/16.

In respect of questions concerning the Dependent Carers Allowance, the Panel was advised that the index linking arrangements for the allowance had been deleted.

RESOLVED: That it be recommended to Dover District Council that the Members' Allowance Scheme 2016/17 be approved.

The meeting ended at 2.44 pm.