

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME BOROUGH COUNCIL

INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL

REPORT TO

Council

17 November 2021

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To the Chairman of the Independent
Remuneration Panel

Castle House
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5th July 2021

Dear Chairman

Independent Remuneration Panel relating to the Members' Allowance Scheme

You may be aware that Councillors currently elected to Newcastle Borough Council have not received an increase in Members' Allowances since 2006/07.

We do not consider, given the financial pressures that the Council is currently under, that there should be any increase in individual Members allowances or Special Responsibility Allowances this financial year.

We are writing to ask that the Panel consider recommending that a link be established between the annual pay increases that staff at the Council receive and that of Councillors allowances.

This would allow an increase in the basic allowance and special responsibility allowances in line with the annual percentage rate rise, if applicable, that staff at Newcastle Borough Council receive.

To allow this to be built into the Council's Budget this should commence at the start of the new Council term following the Borough Council elections in May 2022.

Yours sincerely

Councillor Simon Tagg

Conservative Group Leader
Newcastle Borough Council

Councillor Bert Proctor

Newcastle Independent Group Leader
Newcastle Borough Council
