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**INDEPENDENT RENUMERATION PANEL SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT TO
 EAST HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL – FEBRUARY 2013**

**RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES FOR 2013/14 AND
 AMENDMENT TO THE 2012/13 SCHEME**

1.0 Background

1.1 Following submission of the Panel's report and recommendations on allowances for Members for 2013/14, it was requested to consider an issue relating to the current year's scheme.

1.2 The Panel was advised that the Authority, based on legal advice recently received, may wish to introduce the consolidation recommended below for 2013/14 into the current year's allowances (with effect from 1 April 2012 and subject to the qualification relating to SRAs).

that the allowance levels within the 2012/13 scheme be retained for 2013/14 (1 April 2013 to 31 March 2014), save for:

- **the consolidation of the IT expense payment of £420 p.a. into the Basic Allowance subject to the qualification below relating to SRAs;**
- **the application of the multipliers to arrive at the SRAs payable shall be to the Basic Allowance (as amended), less the consolidated IT expense payment of £420**

1.3 The Panel noted that the retrospective nature of any amendment to the Basic Allowance in the current year was allowed under the relevant statutory regulations. Further, there would be no double payment to Members arising from any consolidation.

1.4 The Panel agreed to make the recommendation detailed below.

2.0 **SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATION**

The existing 2012/13 Allowances Scheme be amended, with effect from 1 April 2012, by the consolidation of the IT expense payment of £420 pa into the Basic Allowance subject to the qualification that the application of multipliers to arrive at SRAs shall be to the Basic Allowance (as amended) less £420.

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