

APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT MEMBER TO THE EAST KENT JOINT INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL AND TO THE EAST KENT JOINT PARISH REMUNERATION PANEL

Applications are invited from any persons who wish to fill a vacancy on the East Kent Joint Independent Remuneration Panel and on the East Kent Joint Parish Remuneration Panel. These Panels are established in order to make recommendations to the district and parish authorities about allowances paid to elected Members in accordance with The Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003. The East Kent Independent Remuneration Panel and the East Kent Joint Parish Remuneration Panel will undertake this role for Dover District Council, Canterbury City Council, and Thanet District Council and for the parish councils within their areas. The law requires that the East Kent Joint Parish Remuneration Panel shall consist of those members who are members of the East Kent Joint Independent Remuneration Panel

The presence and contribution of the Members on the Remuneration Panels provides a valuable contribution in advising elected Members in setting the allowance scheme.

Suitable candidates are likely to possess an understanding of the work of local government and elected members, good questioning skills, and be assertive.

We would be particularly interested to hear from applicants who have

- Experience of the voluntary sector or local business community
- Experience of setting allowance schemes

Members of the Remuneration Panels will not be:

- a co-opted or elected member of any local authority
- disqualified from being or becoming a member of a local authority
- a close friend or relative of an elected member

Independent Members will need to be able to devote time to the work of the East Kent Joint Independent Remuneration Panel and to the East Kent Joint Parish Remuneration Panel and meetings will be held during the daytime and evenings. The Panels meet as is required, which is usually once or twice a year, except during years when the four yearly review of allowances is required.

Independent Members will be expected to serve a minimum of one term of up to four years. An annual allowance will be paid to Panel members with an additional allowance for each meeting they are required to attend.

If you are interested in this appointment or wish to discuss the matter first, please contact Ms Rebecca Brough, Head of Corporate Services and Democracy at democraticservices@dover.gov.uk or on 01304 872304 who will be pleased to send an information pack and application form.

The closing date for receipt of completed applications will be Friday 2 February 2024 and interviews will be held during February 2024 with the term of appointment starting in March 2024 following confirmation by the full Council.