

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

Your request for information has now been considered and the Council's response to your questions is shown below.

You asked:

I would like a copy of the minutes of the meeting in which it was agreed to employ an independent organisation to recommend the level of salary of top Leicester City Council workers such as Mr Soulsby.

Answer:

The Council is required to appoint an Independent Panel under the Local Authorities (Members Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003. The regulations specify that Councillors of the authority cannot take part in the Panel. Therefore there was no meeting to agree to employ an independent organisation as it was taken as a given, due to the legislation.

I would also like to know which independent body was employed.

Independent Remuneration Panel was employed and it consisted of the following.

Martin Traynor – Chair

Mike Kapur

Dominic Shellard

Pat Zadora

How much they were paid, and which budget this came from.

The Independent Remuneration Panel was not paid and therefore no budget was required.

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**Head of Information Governance
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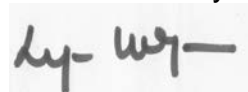
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Yours sincerely



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