

**NOTE OF A MEETING OF THE INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL
REVIEW PANEL WHICH TOOK PLACE ON TUESDAY
26 MARCH 2013 IN ROOM 28 PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS**

APPROVED

Present: Pat McCartan, Chairman
Dr Etta Campbell
Alan McQuillan

In attendance: Georgie Campbell, Secretary

1 APOLOGIES

1.1 There were no apologies

2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

2.1 No interests were declared

3 NOTE OF IFRP MEETING OF 1 MARCH 2013

3.1 The draft note of this workshop meeting was approved without amendment by the Panel members who attended.

**4 NOTE OF MEETING WITH ELECTORAL COMMISSION
ON 1 MARCH 2013**

4.1 The draft note of this meeting was approved without amendment by the Panel members who attended.

**5 NOTE OF MEETING WITH CLERK/DG AND DIRECTOR
OF CORPORATE SERVICES ON 1 MARCH 2013**

5.1 The draft note of this meeting was approved without amendment by the Panel members who attended.

6 ACTION POINTS

- 6.1 Panel members noted the Actions arising from the meetings held on 1 March 2013. Of the nine Action Point to be achieved by the date of this meeting, eight were fully achieved and one was substantially achieved. In the case of the latter, this information will be requested for the Panel's next meeting. Of the remaining five Action Points, one was deferred for discussion at the Panel's next meeting, another related to a meeting to be arranged before the Panel's next meeting and three have completion dates in the months ahead
- 6.2 The Panel asked that a similar list of Action Points be made available at future meetings.

ACTION: SECRETARY

7 INFORMATION REQUESTED BY IFRP

- 7.1 The Panel noted the information provided to them. They asked if an explanation could be provided for the constituency office rents which are higher than the average amount paid by MLAs.

ACTION: SECRETARY TO ARRANGE

- 7.2 The Panel discussed the information provided and said that this would be helpful in informing their decisions in relation to their next Determination.
- 7.3 The Secretary undertook to maintain a list of reference material available to the Panel to inform its next Determination.

ACTION: SECRETARY

- 7.4 The Panel asked that the NILGOSC Guide re the Councillors' Pension Scheme be made available for discussions re the preparation of a consultation document on the Assembly Members' Pension Scheme.

ACTION: SECRETARY

8 FUTURE WORK PROGRAMME

- 8.1 The Panel noted and agreed amendments to the Future Work Programme.

ACTION: SECRETARY TO AMEND THE FUTURE WORK PROGRAMME

9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

9.1 Meeting with the Commissioner for Standards

The Panel agreed that it would be useful to meet with the Commissioner for Standards to discuss issues of mutual interest.

ACTION: SECRETARY TO ARRANGE

9.2 Meeting with the Chair of the Assembly Members' Pension Trustees

The Panel asked that a meeting with the Chairman of the Assembly Members' Pension Trustees be arranged before their next meeting.

ACTION: SECRETARY

9.3 5TH Edition of the MP's Scheme of Business Costs and Expenses

The Panel noted this Report and asked that it be added to the bank of reference material.

ACTION: SECRETARY

9.4 Press Articles

The Panel noted the press articles in relation to the salary increase for Assembly Members due to take effect from 1 April 2013.

10 DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

IFRP Workshop meeting	19 April 2013
IFRP Workshop meeting	17 May 2013
Meeting with the Chair of the Assembly Members' Pension Trustees	16 April 2013
Meeting with the Commissioner for Standards	To be arranged