MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL REVIEW PANEL

Monday 14 MARCH 2016, 10:00 am

ROOM 241, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

Present: Mr Pat McCartan (Chairperson)

Dr Etta Campbell Mr Alan McQuillan

In attendance: Mrs Shauna Mageean

Mr Simon Burrowes

Mr Jonathan McMillen (item 5 only)

Mr Austin Hunter/Ms Angela Hunter (item 6 only)

1. Apologies

None.

2. Declaration of interests

None. In addition, the Panel confirmed an updated version of its register of interests.

3. Minutes of previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting of 9 March 2016 were agreed without amendment.

4. Matters Arising

None.

5. Draft Determination

The Panel discussed the latest draft determination as provided by the draftsman. Mr McMillen will instruct the draftsman further. [ACTION: Jonathan]

Mr McCartan left the meeting at 10:55 and returned at 11:45. Mr McMillen left the meeting at 11:30, returned at 11:45 and left again at 12:30.

6. Publication/Communication Arrangements (12:30pm to 1:50pm)

The Panel welcomed Austin and Angela Hunter to the meeting and discussed arrangements relating to the publication and communication of the Determination and report. Austin and Angela provided a draft handling plan and associated

documentation. The Panel suggested some amendments, and further drafts of the plan and associated papers will be produced. (ACTION: Austin and Angela)

7. Correspondence

The Panel noted a letter from SARC regarding the Panel's request for a meeting and a letter from IPSA relating to a consultative exercise on the pay for Chairs of Committees at Westminster. Shauna will arrange the meeting with SARC. The Panel also agreed to consider at its next meeting a response to Mr Reaney's recent letter.

(ACTION: Shauna)

8. Dates of Next Meetings

The Panel agreed to meet again on Tuesday 15 March and Wednesday 16 March. A Liaison meeting is to be held on 21 March.