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Dear Mr Tautz,

These are my comments below for the remuneration panel to consider.

Independent members from the standards spend a lot of time talking to officers and I would like to see them brought in line with the audit and governance co-opted members.

Therefore they should have annual payment of 500 pounds a year not 250. I would also advise that members of the remuneration panel is also brought into line.

I would also like to see a basic payment to Vice Chairman made especially where they have actually had to chair a meeting. This could either be a standard payment or money taken from the Chairman allowance when they do have to chair . An example of this is in 2016 I chaired three out of four meetings as vice chairman !

Plan south is a long and difficult meeting to chair once a month and on average a vice chairman will chair 2 meetings a year. Planning allowance for chairs should also be reviewed.

I have not claimed mileage for a number of years and many members find the process long and time consuming . Public transport claiming should look at being easier. I now use my bank card to swipe on the tube and not a ticket or oyster as this is cheaper. However I have no real way of claiming this back! This does not encourage use of public transport.

I would give some thought again about scrapping this system and paying everyone a one off average travel allowance which would also free up officers time in working this out. For example members could be given a annual 600 pound for travel which was linked to actual attendance at meetings.

Kind Regards

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