

Council, 14 July 2009

Motion in the name of Councillor Geof Cooke

Councillors' allowances

Under Standing Order Part 4, Section 1, 31.5: if my item is not dealt with by the end of the meeting I ask that it be voted upon at the council meeting.

Council notes the damage that has been caused to the political system by the parliamentary expenses saga in this country.

Council believes that Local Authority Councillors should not decide their own remuneration, and therefore Council asks Cabinet to lobby government for a change in the law so that Council must accept the recommendations of the Independent Review Panel on Members' Allowances (IRP).

Council also resolves that the IRP should be convened as soon as possible to consider a cap on overall councillors' allowances in Barnet, including the re-introduction of the cap on individuals claiming multiple Special Responsibility Allowances.