

**National Assembly for Wales**

**Report by the Local Government and Public Services Committee  
On**

***The Local Authorities (Allowances for Members) (Wales) Regulations  
2007***

The Committee considered the above regulations at its meeting on 7 March 2007.

Members requested clarification on:

- How the members of the Independent Remuneration Panel would be appointed, and the role of the Assembly as a whole in the process of scrutinising such appointments under the provisions of the Government of Wales Act 2006.

In response in Committee the following points were made:

- The appointments would be made by the Welsh Assembly Government and the process would be handled by the Public Appointments Unit through open advertisement and an interview process. It was not envisaged to be any different from the process adopted for the appointment of the Pensions Panel. The Minister noted that currently Subject Committee Nominees were consulted on public appointments and undertook to inform the Committee about the possible role of Assembly Members in the process under the Government of Wales Act 2006.

The Committee recommended approval of the Regulations as drafted.

**Ann Jones AM  
Chair**