

Independent Review Panel - Financial Support for Members

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Response from Pontypool Community Council

My Council has considered your request for views on the payment of expenses to Assembly members and I have been asked to put forward the following observations which were a resolution of council on 17th December 2008

The council felt that due to the current financial situation in the country at large that there should be some restraint on the part of Assembly members with regard to increases in salaries and payments for expenses.

In addition it was felt that it was rather insensitive asking Community Councillors for their views on expenses given that this sector of Local Government has been waiting for 4 years for a review of the way in which allowances are paid to Community and Town councillors and the allowance that is currently paid has not been increased at all in that period.

Hopefully 2 of my members will be present at the meeting on 27th January.

Regards

Mrs. Ruth V. Tucker