

## Consultation on Draft – Questions

We welcome feedback on this draft Report and have included some additional questions where we would appreciate your views. The consultation period will end on the **1 December 2022** and you can either email us your comments or complete the form on our website [HERE](#).

### **Question 1**

The Panel has continued to use the Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings (ASHE) published by the Office for National Statistics as the benchmark for setting the basic salary of elected members of principal councils. There is a corresponding proportionate increase proposed for the members of National Park and Fire and Rescue Authorities. The Panel has continued to refer to the last published ASHE which was 2021. Do you agree that the basic salary element should be referenced to the [ASHE 2021](#) data.

Yes

No

No Opinion

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Any additional comments

### **Question 2**

The Panel has made changes to the payment of costs and expenses of members of community and town councils. Do you agree with the addition of the “consumables” element?

Yes

No

No Opinion

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Any additional comments

**Question 3**

The Panel will gather evidence from principal councils to explore whether and how the workload of elected members has changed to inform future Determinations. Are you content that the Panel should build this review into its future work plan and build the evidence base to support decisions?

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| Yes        | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| No         | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| No Opinion | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Any additional comments

**Question 4**

We have significantly reduced the size of the report this year to concentrate on key decisions made and intend to make more use of the website to provide easy to use guidance to users. This approach is also in line with our efforts to respect the challenges facing us in protecting our planet.

How would you would like to access information and guidance from the Panel?  
(choose all that apply)

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| Summary report with links to detailed guidance | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Easy to use guidance notes                     | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Frequently asked questions                     | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Website  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Social media                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Information events                             | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other  | <input type="checkbox"/> |

If other, please specify:

Have you experienced any challenges accessing or understanding our guidance and information through our website? Please let us know how we can make it easier for you?

**Question 5**

The Panel intend to undertake a series of engagements with all relevant stakeholders over the next year as part of the development of its forward planning and building of its evidence and research strategy.

Have you any comments that would help the Panel shape this engagement?

For example, a preference for online polls, the holding of engagement events, virtual or face to face, which groups should be involved, how do we engage with prospective candidates etc.

Would you like to be involved in any future engagement events?

Yes  
No

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Contact details