

INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL – MEMBERS BIOGRAPHIES

Ronnie Alexander (Chair of the Panel)

Ronnie left the Civil Service in 2013 to pursue a variety of other interests including consultancy. He is currently an independent Member of Powys Teaching Health Board and a non-executive member on the Board of the Independent Monitoring Authority. Ronnie serves as Independent Chair of the Standards Committee for the South Wales Fire and Rescue Service and for Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council. He has a considerable record of engaging with the public, professionals and politicians at all levels, to influence policy. This follows a civil service career spanning over 20 years and an equivalent period working in local government.

Wendy Stephenson

Wendy was, from 2005 to 2017, Chief Executive of VOSCUR, the support and development organisation for Bristol's voluntary and community sector. In this role, Wendy gained a good knowledge of the workings of the local authority and the roles and responsibilities of councillors. Wendy has participated in other Council's assessment panels during the recruitment of senior officers and has worked with councillors and officers in a number of different policy areas.

Graham Russell

Graham was the Head of Democratic Services for Bath & North East Somerset Council from 1993 to early retirement in 2005. Prior to that was a long career in local government corporate departments. He developed his expertise in the subject of members' allowances and was commissioned by South West Councils to produce on-line guidance on the subject for IRP members, their support officers and councillors. He is currently a marriage celebrant and a volunteer at Saltford Community Association in various roles.

Keira Stobie

Keira has moved on from full-time classroom teaching but remains employed within the education sector and has become more involved with her voluntary interests which predominately focus on heritage, arts and working with people at either end of the age spectrum. Keira is motivated to use her experience to contribute actively to her community.