

Councillor	Victoria Hammett-Johnson	Meeting Date:	13.October.2025
Issue/Motion for inclusion on agenda	Remuneration IRPW		

BACKGROUND:

Wales Audit report 2018/19 established that several unlawful payments had been made by the Council, one of which was the remuneration of an additional £500.00 to a Councillor, which, to date has not been repaid to the Community Council (now Magor with Undy Town Council)

This matter has been raised by concerned members of Magor with Undy community, that the sum of £250 per committee, which equates to £500.00, has not yet been repaid.

It is unclear why this was not pursued and resolved at the time, but the fact remains this is taxpayers' money.

However, as this Councillor has now returned into the position, many residents believe, that in the interest of transparency and clarification, and that this issue is resolved once and for all, that the £500.00 of public funds will be returned to the Council purse.

For it also to be noted that as a Councillor they were required to repay the £500.00, as per the minutes of 14 Jan-2019, 11 Feb-2019, 4 Apr-2019 and 8 Apr-2019.

Wales Audit stated in their 2018/2019 report that they were told that this had been gifted to charity. No evidence was forthcoming, and this was not an action that Council had approved.

Giving it to charity, is not giving it back to the council. It is taxpayers' money, that should be directed by the council through approved decision-making processes.

PROPOSAL/MOTION:

Now that the former Councillor has returned to Magor with Undy Council, in the interest of transparency, accountability and stewardship of Public Funds, this council agree an appropriate mechanism to resolve the outstanding repayment to this Council, of the unlawful payments made to the individual member, totalling £500.00.

As set out in the Wales Audit Public Interest Report 2018/2019 and Council Minutes dated 14.01.19, 11.02.19, 04.04.19, 08.04.19.

Audit Wales has stated that an unlawful payment has been made, this is public money, and the council should do everything possible to recover the monies.

DESIRED OUTCOME/BENEFITS OF PROPOSAL/MOTION:

Confirmation the £500.00 will be returned to the Magor with Undy Council.

Transparency given to the residents, that the £500.00 was given in error, and was required to be paid back to the Council, from the Councillor.

To close this chapter of council's history, and to allow us to move forward as a community and council.

To note, this issue has been raised by concerned members of our community.