

Members' Allowances Scheme - Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel 16 May 2016

Report of the Chief Executive

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To enable Council to consider members' allowances for 2016/17, in the light of a report from the Independent Remuneration Panel.

This report is public

RECOMMENDATIONS

- (1) Council is asked to consider the recommendations put forward by the Independent Remuneration Panel.**

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 The Council is required by the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003 to make an allowances scheme for each year. The Regulations require that before an authority makes or amends a scheme, it must have regard to the recommendations made to it by an independent remuneration panel
- 1.2 The report of the Independent Remuneration Panel is attached to this report for consideration by the Council.

2.0 Proposal Details

- 2.1 The recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel are set out in its report, and the Chairman and other members of the Panel have been invited to attend the meeting to present the report and to answer any questions.
- 2.2 Members will note that the report recommends that

3.0 Details of Consultation

- 3.1 The attached report presents the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel, which the Council is required to have regard to in making any decisions about the allowances scheme. Councillors were consulted on the draft report on 3 February 2016. Comments were received and members of the Panel subsequently invited Councillors to meet with them on 31 March 2016 to receive feedback on their report. The wording of the recommendation has been amended in light of feedback received.

4.0 Options and Options Analysis (including risk assessment)

- 4.1 It is open to Council to accept the Panel's report in its entirety, or with amendment. Council does not have to accept the recommendations of the Panel, but the Regulations require that it must have regard to them in making

its decision.

5.0 Conclusion

- 5.1 Council is asked to approve a Members' Allowances Scheme for 2016/17, to take effect from 16 March 2016.

CONCLUSION OF IMPACT ASSESSMENT

(including Diversity, Human Rights, Community Safety, Sustainability and Rural Proofing)

None directly arising from this report.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The relevant regulation is set out in the report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The overall effect of the recommendations of the Panel would be a small saving in the allowances payable to Councillors of £4,200 (£10,200 saved on Broadband allowances, less £6,000 increase in basic allowance) and these savings will be built into the budget as part of the 2017/18 budget process.

OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Human Resources:

None

Information Services:

None

Property:

None

Open Spaces:

None

SECTION 151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The Section 151 Officer has been consulted and has no further comments.

MONITORING OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The Monitoring Officer has prepared this report as the officer supporting the Independent Remuneration Panel.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

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