

Members Allowances Scheme

Responsible Officer: Head of Communities and Governance and Monitoring Officer

Reason for Report: The purpose of this report is to provide Members with an update on the review of the Members Allowances Scheme.

RECOMMENDATION: To extend the current Members Allowances scheme with no changes for an interim period

Relationship to Corporate Plan: None

Financial Implications: None currently

Legal Implications: The Local Authorities (Member's Allowances) Regulations 2003 require that an Independent Remuneration Panel consider Members Allowances and make recommendation to Council

Risk Assessment: Failure to follow the Members Allowances Regulations could leave the Council open to challenge

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 At the Council meeting in July 2015, Members agreed an interim Members Allowances Scheme for a year taking the Council up to the 31st July 2016.
- 1.2 One of the recommendations agreed by Council on the 15th July 2015 was that the IRP undertake a fundamental review of the Members Allowances Scheme over the next twelve months and that a report be brought back to Council in June 2016.
- 1.3 The IRP have been working on the fundamental review of Members Allowances and their work is almost complete. However, a period of additional time is required to complete the review and to bring a report back in front of Council.
- 1.4 Therefore it is proposed that Members agree to continue with the scheme that was agreed on 15th July 2015 and that the IRP make a report to Council as soon as their review has been concluded.

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