

ALLOWANCE FOR CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL AND DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL

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Why has this report come to the Council?

To request Council to agree an addition to the Member Scheme of Allowances as approved by Council on February 2015 to include an allowance for the Chairman of Council and the Deputy Chairman of Council.

Recommendation:

That Council approves an amendment to the Member Scheme of Allowances to include the following:

1. a payment of £2,000 per annum for the Chairman of Council; and
2. a payment of £500 per annum for the Deputy Chairman of Council

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- 1.1 Council in February 2015 after considering a report from the Independent Remuneration Panel agreed that the existing Members' Scheme of Allowance 2014/15 be approved without amendment (with the exception of the Mayor's salary) for 2015/16.
- 1.2 In October 2013, Council approved an allowance of £2,000 per annum for the then Civic Mayor (now the Chairman of Council) and £500 per annum for the then Deputy Civic Mayor (now Deputy Chairman of Council). Unfortunately these allowances were never incorporated into the overall Scheme of Allowances and therefore were not considered by the Independent Remuneration Panel when they made their recommendations to Council in February 2015.
- 1.3 The Chairman and Deputy Chairman incur expenses whilst carrying out their roles and it is appropriate that they receive a special responsibility allowance for this. The Independent Remuneration Panel has been consulted and all members have confirmed that they are of the view that it should be recommended to Council that these allowances should continue to be paid to the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of Council.

- 1.4 The cost of the Chairman and Deputy Chairman special responsibility allowances can be met from the existing member allowance budget.
- 1.5 It is therefore recommended that the Member Scheme of Allowances 2015/16 be amended to include these two allowances.

Consultees: Chief Executive; Section 151 Officer; Lead Executive Member

Monitoring Officer comments: Included in report

S151 Officer comments: None

EIA comments: