

Minute from 250216 Council

C75 Member Scheme of Allowances 2016/17

Consideration was given to recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel following its review of Members Allowances.

Prior to consideration of this item it was noted that recommendation 4(a) had been amended to: -
“The IRP recommends that the mileage allowance defined by the HMRC are adopted by the local authority and should be adjusted if the HMRC rates change within the financial year 2016/17. These entitlements also apply to individuals who have a disability that prevents them from driving and as such are necessarily a passenger in a vehicle, and would otherwise be discriminated against in terms of ability to claim driving allowances.”

It was further noted that the report recommended that if a scheme of allowances is not in place at the start of the financial year, any changes subsequently approved should be backdated to that time. However, for the members scheme of allowances runs on the civic year. The new scheme would therefore need to run from the date of the annual meeting in 2016 to the date of the annual meeting in 2017.

It was moved by Councillor Anne Bradshaw duly seconded and upon a show of hands

RESOLVED - that a recorded vote be taken on individual recommendations as set out below.

It was therefore moved by Councillor David Moore that

1. That the Elected Mayor Salary be increased to £50,000.00

The motion was duly seconded and a recorded vote taken

For the Motion: Councillors Peter Tyson, David Banks, Martin Barbour, Hugh Branney, John Burns, Yvonne Clarkson, Peter Connolly, John Dirom, Gwynneth Everett, Neil Ferguson, Raymond Gill; Keith Hitchen, Lena Hogg, Allan Holliday, Mark Holliday, Alan Jacob, Linda Jones-Bulman, William Kirkbride, Jean Lewthwaite, Michael McVeigh, Sam Meteer, David Moore, Alistair Norwood, Brian O'Kane, Sam Pollen, Andy Pratt, Christopher Reay, David Riley, Gilbert Scurrah,

Against The Motion: Councillors Jackie Bowman, John Bowman, Anne Bradshaw, Allan Forster, Jeanette Forster, Ian Hill, Joan Hully, Gillian Troughton and Paul Whalley

Abstentions – None

On a vote of 27 For; 9 Against and 0 Abstentions the motion was declared CARRIED

It was moved by Councillor David Moore that

2. That the following Special Responsibility Allowances be paid:

- a. Deputy Mayor allowance of £15,000.00 (with no opportunity to accrue additional special responsibility allowances as part of the executive, regardless of portfolio holding);

- b. Executive membership allowance to remain at £6,358.68;

- c. That the following allowances be paid to Political group leaders depending upon the size of the group:

i. 5 - 9 members £2,000.00

ii. 10 - 14 members £3,000.00

iii. 15 or more members £4,000.00

d. Independent Chair of Audit & Governance committee - £400.00

e. Chairman of Council £2,000.00

f. Deputy Chairman of Council £500.00

The motion was duly seconded and a recorded vote taken

For the Motion: Councillors Peter Tyson, David Banks, Hugh Branney, John Burns, Yvonne Clarkson, Peter Connolly, Gwynneth Everett, Neil Ferguson, Allan Forster, Raymond Gill, Ian Hill, Lena Hogg, Allan Holliday, Mark Holliday, Joan Hully, Alan Jacob, Linda Jones-Bulman, William Kirkbride, Jean Lewthwaite, Michael McVeigh, Sam Pollen, Christopher Reay, David Riley, Gilbert Scurrah, Paul Whalley

Against the Motion: Martin Barbour, Jackie Bowman, John Bowman, Anne Bradshaw, John Dirom, Jeanette Forster, Keith Hitchen, Sam Meteer, David Moore, Alistair Norwood, Brian O'Kane, Andy Pratt, Gillian Troughton

Abstention: Councillor Lena Hogg

On a vote of 22 For; 13 Against and 1 Abstention the motion was declared CARRIED

It was moved by Councillor David Moore that

3. That the Basic Allowance payable to all councillors be increased by 1% to £3,093.87

The motion was duly seconded and a recorded vote taken

For the motion: Councillors Peter Tyson, David Banks, Martin Barbour, Hugh Branney, John Burns, Peter Connolly, John Dirom, Gwynneth Everett, Neil Ferguson, Jeanette Forster, Raymond Gill, Ian Hill, Keith Hitchen, Lena Hogg, Allan Holliday, Mark Holliday, Joan Hully, Alan Jacob, Linda Jones-Bulman, William Kirkbride, Michael McVeigh, Sam Meteer, Brian O'Kane, Sam Pollen, Andy Pratt, Christopher Reay, Gilbert Scurrah, Gillian Troughton and Paul Whalley

Against the motion: Councillors Jackie Bowman, John Bowman, Anne Bradshaw, Yvonne Clarkson, Allan Forster, Jean Lewthwaite, David Moore, Alistair Norwood, David Riley,

Abstentions – None

On a vote of 27 For; 9 Against and 0 Abstentions the motion was declare CARRIED

It was moved by Councillor David Moore that

4. Travel and Subsistence

a. the mileage allowance defined by the HMRC are adopted by the local authority and should be adjusted if the HMRC rates change within the financial year 2016/17. These entitlements also apply to individuals who have a disability that prevents them from driving and as such are necessarily a passenger in a vehicle, and would otherwise be discriminated against in terms of ability to claim driving allowances;

- b. A breakfast allowance of £5.00 taken before 1100hrs;
- c. A lunch allowance of £7.00 taken between 1200hrs and 1400hrs;
- d. A tea allowance of £2.00 taken between 1500hrs and 1800hrs;
- e. An evening meal allowance of £ 10.00 taken after 1900hrs;
- f. Absent overnight from their usual place of residence, an upper limit of £100.00 be payable and when a member is absent overnight in London or attending an annual conference of a Local Government Association (LGA) the upper limit be increased to £115.00;
- g. Conference allowance of £32.00 to be withdrawn;
- h. Broadband allowance set at £18 per month per councillor.

The motion was duly seconded and a recorded vote taken

For the Motion: Councillors Peter Tyson, David Banks, , Jackie Bowman, John Bowman, Hugh Branney, John Burns, Yvonne Clarkson, John Dirom, Gwynneth Everett, Neil Ferguson, Allan Forster, Jeanette Forster, Raymond Gill, Ian Hill, Keith Hitchen, Lena Hogg, Allan Holliday, Mark Holliday, Joan Hully, Alan Jacob, Linda Jones-Bulman, William Kirkbride, Michael McVeigh, Sam Meteer, David Moore, Brian O'Kane, Sam Pollen, Andy Pratt, Christopher Reay, David Riley, Gilbert Scurrah, and Paul Whalley

Against the Motion: Martin Barbour; Anne Bradshaw; Jean Lewthwaite, Alistair Norwood, Gillian Troughton

Abstention: Councillor Peter Connolly

On a vote of 30 For; 5 Against, 1 Abstention the motion was declared CARRIED

It was moved by Councillor David Moore that

5. Children and Dependants Allowance - Provided at 100% of cost, weekly cap of 8 hours care per week.

(Note Councillors Anne Bradshaw and Joan Hully declared interests in this item due to being in receipt of disability benefits.)

The motion was duly seconded and a recorded vote taken

For the Motion: Councillors Peter Tyson, David Banks, Martin Barbour, Jackie Bowman, John Bowman, Hugh Branney, John Burns, Yvonne Clarkson, Peter Connolly, John Dirom, Gwynneth Everett, Neil Ferguson, Allan Forster, Jeanette Forster, Raymond Gill, Ian Hill, Keith Hitchen, Lena Hogg, Allan Holliday, Mark Holliday, Joan Hully, Alan Jacob, Linda Jones-Bulman, William Kirkbride, Jean Lewthwaite, Michael McVeigh, Sam Meteer, David Moore, Alistair Norwood, Brian O'Kane, Sam Pollen, Andy Pratt, Christopher Reay, David Riley, Gilbert Scurrah, Gillian Troughton and Paul Whalley

Against the Motion – None

Abstentions – Councillor Anne Bradshaw

On a vote of 35 For; 0 Against and 1 Abstention the motion was declared CARRIED

It was moved by Councillor David Moore duly seconded and

RESOLVED – That

6. Pension Arrangements - no member pension scheme to be established;

7. No co-optees allowance to be paid; and

8. The IRP to review allowances on an annual basis

It was moved my councillor David Moore that

9. In addition, Council is asked to determine whether it wishes to request the Independent Remuneration Panel to conduct a separate review of committee chairmen's allowances as detailed in paragraph 19 of its report.

The motion was duly seconded and a recorded vote taken

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Against the Motion: John Bowman, Anne Bradshaw, Yvonne Clarkson, John Dirom, Allan Forster, Jeanette Forster, Ian Hill, Keith Hitchen, Joan Hully, Alan Jacob, Jean Lewthwaite; Alistair Norwood, Brian O'Kane, Andy Pratt, David Riley, Gillian Troughton

On a vote of 20 For; 16 Against, 0 Abstentions the motion was declared CARRIED

It was therefore

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5. Children and Dependents Allowance - Provided at 100% of cost, weekly cap of 8 hours care per week;
6. Pension Arrangements - no member pension scheme to be established;
7. that no co-optees allowance to be paid;
8. that the IRP to review allowances on an annual basis; and
9. the Independent Remuneration Panel be asked to conduct a separate review of committee chairmen's allowances as detailed in paragraph 19 of its report.