

Full Council

9th January 2024



Report of: Monitoring Officer
Title: Members' Allowances Scheme
Ward: All

Recommendation

That Full Council adopts the Members' Allowances Scheme for publication within the Constitution.

Summary

Local authorities can only adopt Allowance Schemes after considering recommendations made by an independent panel. Following consideration of the report of the Independent Remuneration Panel on 12th December 2023, the Scheme as agreed would take effect from 6th May 2024. The previous Scheme was adopted by the Full Council in November 2020.

The Allowances Scheme covers:

- basic allowance (paid to all Councillors);
- special responsibility allowances (paid to some Councillors);
- travel allowances and travel policy;
- dependant carers allowances;
- pensions (for Councillors);
- co-optees allowances.

Policy

1. The Council has a duty to review the Members Allowances Scheme under The Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003 (SI 1021).

Consultation

Internal

1. Not applicable

External

2. Not applicable

Context

3. Following Full Council's approval of the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel on 12th December 2023, the new Member Allowances Scheme is ready for adoption.

Other Options Considered

4. Not applicable.

Public Sector Equality Duties

Not applicable.

Legal and Resource Implications

Legal

Legal comments contained throughout the report.

Financial

(a) Revenue

Not applicable

(b) Capital

Not applicable

Land

Not applicable.

Personnel

Not applicable.

Appendices:

Appendix 1 – Members Allowances Scheme 2024.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

Background Papers:

None.