

Decision Maker: COUNCIL

Date: 27 February 2013

Decision Type: Non-Urgent Non-Executive Non-Key

Title: MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES SCHEME 2013/14

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Ward: N/A

1. Reason for report

- 1.1 The Council is required to approve a scheme of Members Allowances for each year. The General Purposes and Licensing Committee at its meeting on 14th February considered the attached report and recommended that Council approve the proposed Members Allowances Scheme attached to the report at Appendix 1. The report recommends that allowances (including in addition the Mayoral and Deputy Mayoral allowances) remain frozen. The report also informs Members that the Government intends, subject to consultation, to withdraw the right of Councillors to participate in the Local Government Pension Scheme.
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2. **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

That the Members' Allowances Scheme 2013/14 be approved, including -

- (i) freezing the current allowances in the light of the current economic circumstances;**
- (ii) amending the scheme to replace the reference in paragraph 16 to the PE Inbucon scheme with reference to the Council's arrangements for localised pay;**
- (iii) agreeing the Mayoral and Deputy Mayoral allowance at the same rate as last year.**

Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: Existing Policy: The proposed scheme for 2013/14 is based on the existing scheme for 2012/13
 2. BBB Priority: Excellent Council:
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Financial

1. Cost of proposal: Estimated Cost:
 2. Ongoing costs: Recurring Cost:
 3. Budget head/performance centre: Democratic Representation – Members' Allowances
 4. Total current budget for this head: £1,112,380 (2012/13)
 5. Source of funding: 2013/14 revenue budget
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Staff

1. Number of staff (current and additional): N/A
 2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours: N/A
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Legal

1. Legal Requirement: Statutory Requirement: Sections 18 and 19 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, Section 100, Local Government Act 2000, The Local Authorities (Members' Allowances (England) Regulations 2003.
 2. Call-in: Not Applicable: Making and varying the Members' Allowances Scheme is reserved to full Council and is not an executive decision
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Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected): All 60 Members of the Council
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Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? N/A
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments: N/A

Non-Applicable Sections:	See attached report
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	See attached report