

Decision Maker: COUNCIL

Date: Monday 23 February 2015

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

Title: MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES SCHEME 2015/16

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Ward: N/A

1. Reason for report

1.1 The Council is required to make a scheme of allowances for members in advance of each financial year. The General Purposes and Licensing Committee at its meeting on 10th February 2015 considered the attached report and agreed to recommend that allowances remain at the current levels for 2015/16. Mayoral and Deputy Mayoral allowances are not part of the scheme, but are usually considered in conjunction with it.

2. **RECOMMENDATION**

General Purposes and Licensing Committee recommends that the 2015/16 Members Allowances Scheme and Mayoral and Deputy Mayoral allowances be approved with allowances remaining at the current level.

Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: Existing Policy: The proposed scheme for 2015/16 is closely based on the 2014/15 scheme.
 2. BBB Priority: Excellent Council:
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Financial

1. Cost of proposal: No additional cost
 2. Ongoing costs: N/A:
 3. Budget head/performance centre: Democratic Representation – Members Allowances
Mayoral and Civic Hospitality – Mayoral Allowance
 4. Total current budget for this head: Members Allowances £1,112,560
Mayoral allowance – (22,310 (includes on-costs)
(As per 2014/15 budget)
 5. Source of funding: 2015/16 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