

Report to COUNCIL

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Members Allowances Scheme 2024/25

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1 Background

- 1.1 The Members Allowances Scheme for 2024/25 requires to be approved by Council. The Independent Remuneration Panel have considered the scheme and their report and recommendations are contained at Appendix 1.
- 1.2 The recommendations are:
- a) The Basic Allowance be unchanged.
 - b) The Special Responsibility Allowances be unchanged except for the Chair of MioCare.
 - c) The annual increase for 2024 – 25 should be the percentage increase for a local government officer at grade SCP 49.

Other aspects of the Scheme are unchanged (detailed in Appendix 2).

2 Consideration of the Scheme

Members are requested to consider and decide on the scheme and allowances detailed at Appendix 1 and 2 .

3 Consultation

- 3.1 The Independent Remuneration Panel have presented their recommendations for consideration .Group Leaders have been consulted.

4 Financial Implications

- 4.1 Budget provision is available for the Members Allowances Scheme.

5 Legal implications

- 5.1 The Council is required to approve a Members Allowances Scheme.

6. Co-operative Implications

None

7 **Human Resources Comments**

None

8 **Risk Assessments**

None

9 **IT Implications**

None

10 **Property Implications**

None

11 **Procurement Implications**

None

12 **Environmental and Health & Safety Implications**

None

13 **Community cohesion , including crime and disorder implications in accordance with Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998**

None

14 **Equality Impact - Including implications for Children and Young People)**

None

15 **Background Papers**

15.1 The following is a list of background papers on which this report is based in accordance with the requirements of Section 100 (1) of the Local Government Act 1972 . It does not include documents which would disclose exempt or confidential information as defined by the Act.

Members Allowances file
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16 **Appendix**

Appendix 1 – Independent Remuneration Panel report and allowances recommendations
Appendix 2 – Members Scheme
