

COUNCIL MEETING – 22ND JUNE 2021

MEMBER ALLOWANCES

RECOMMENDATION

That the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel be adopted to take effect from the start of the 2021/22 municipal year subject to the following:

- 1. there be no uprating of the basic allowance in 2021/22;**
- 2. in future years, starting in 2022/23, member allowances continue to be uprated in line with the NJC officers pay award;**
- 3. the allowance for vice-chairs of service committees be increased to £6,000;**
- 4. the whips allowances be replaced with a group administrator allowance paid at £3,825 to the administrator of any group with at least 10 members and £1,766 to the administrator of any group with at least 4 members but fewer than 10;**
- 5. no allowance be paid for opposition spokespersons;**
- 6. the following allowances be continued as recommended for 2021/22 but be reviewed for 2022/23:**
 - a. the Scrutiny Committee chair's allowance, which should be reviewed in the light of the workload of that committee and this be reported back to Council in November as part of the constitution review; and**
 - b. the civic allowances for the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.**

Extract from the Minutes of the Corporate Policy Committee on 8th June 2021

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The Committee considered the report of the Independent Remuneration Panel on members' allowances.

A working group of members appointed to consider the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel met on 26th May 2021. The Chair of the working group, Councillor M Warren, circulated a set of recommendations at the Committee's meeting.

With regard to a recommendation that there be no uprating of the basic allowance in 2021/22, the working group had agreed that in future years, starting in 2022/23, member allowances should continue to be uprated in line with the NJC officers pay award.

RESOLVED

That the Committee recommends to Council that the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel be adopted to take effect from the start of the 2021/22 municipal year subject to the following:

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