

CABINET

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COUNCILLORS' ALLOWANCES - ACTUAL AMOUNTS PAID FOR THE YEAR 2021/22

Report of the Democratic Services Manager

Recommendation

It is recommended that the allowances paid in 2021/2022 contained in Appendix 1 to this report are noted.

Summary

The Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) Regulations 2003 require that every authority publicise, within its area, the sum paid by it in that year under the scheme to each Councillor and co-opted member in respect of basic allowance, special responsibility allowance, dependents' carers allowance, travelling and subsistence allowance. This report provides the details of these allowances paid in the year 2021/2022.

Statutory Powers

Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) Regulations 2003 Statutory Instrument 2003 No. 1021.

Local Government Act 2000: New Constitutions – Allowances for Members of Local Authorities.

Strategic Implications

1. The report relates to the statutory reporting of Councillors' Allowances, which underpins the delivery against all of the Council's Corporate Plan (2015-2025) objectives.

Introduction

2. It is a requirement of the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) Regulations 2003 that the actual allowances paid relating to basic allowance, special responsibility allowance, dependents' carers allowance, travelling and subsistence allowance are published in the local press. The allowances paid to elected and independent persons in 2021/22 are shown in Appendix 1.
3. In June 2018 the Council's Administration Committee considered the findings of the Independent Remuneration Panel's full review of Councillors' Allowances and made recommendations to Council as to the level of the Basic Allowance and of Special Responsibility Allowances for the year 2018/2019 and beyond (for a maximum four-year period).
4. The four-year maximum period expired on 31 March 2022. An Independent Remuneration Panel will be recommended for appointment at the Administration Committee on 27 June 2022, to carry out a full review of Councillors Allowances. The findings of the review will be reported to the Administration Committee on 10 October and Council on 28 November 2022 for approval.

Financial Implications

5. The amount paid to Councillors in 2021/22 has been met within the Council's budget for Councillors allowances and expenses.

Risk Assessment

6. This report is provided for information only and as such there is no risk arising from the decision.

Equality and Diversity Implications

7. The Equality Act is not relevant to the decision in this report because it is a report dealing with internal or procedural matters only. Therefore, it is considered that for this decision the Equality Duty does not need to be addressed and an Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) has not been carried out.

Climate Change and Environmental Implications

8. Councillors are encouraged to travel sustainably where possible on Council business to reduce the impact on the environment. Following the Covid-19 pandemic, many informal meetings have continued to be held remotely therefore reducing the need for Councillors to travel to these.

Conclusion

9. The information regarding allowances claimed by each Councillor in detail is given at Appendix 1 to this report. The information will be reported in the local

press in July 2022.

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Appendices Attached: 1

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 - SECTION 100D

The following is a list of documents which disclose facts or matters on which this report or an important part of it is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. This list does not include any published works or documents which would disclose exempt or confidential information.

* None.