

By: Director of Governance and Law
To: Selection and Member Services Committee – 22 May 2015
Subject: MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES AND EXPENSES 2014/15
Status: Unrestricted

Summary: The Committee is invited to note and approve for publication the annual return for Members' allowances and expenses, together with details of the costs of the County Car service and taxis for Members for 2014/15.

FOR INFORMATION

Introduction

1. In accordance with paragraph 15 of The Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003, Kent County Council is required to publish annually the allowances paid to Members, which includes the Basic, Special Responsibility, Travelling and Subsistence, Dependent Carers and Co-optees Allowances. The Committee will also be aware of the legal requirement for the County Council to have a Member Remuneration Panel to advise the Council on the level of allowances and expenses Members should receive.

Details for 2014/15

2.(1) The amount of Members' Allowances and expenses paid during the period 1 April 2014 to 31 March 2015 was £1.748m details of which are provided in **Appendix A**.

(2) It has also been agreed previously by this Committee to report at the same time the net cost of the County Car service for the previous financial year, which for 2014/15 was £38.8k details of which are provided in **Appendix B**. **Appendix C** sets out the total driving hours for those Members who have used the County Car service in 2014/15. **Appendix D** sets out those Members who have used taxis during 2014/15.

Recommendation:

4. The Committee is requested to note this report and agree to:
- (a) the publication of the allowances and expenses for 2014/15 as detailed in **Appendix A** as required by the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003;and
 - (b) the publication of the costs of the County Car service and taxis for Members for 2014/15 as detailed in **Appendix B and D**.

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Background Information: Members' Expenses records for 2014/15 held by Kent County Council.