

Item 13(a)

By: Benjamin Watts, General Counsel
To: County Council – 17 June 2020
Subject: ANNUAL INCREASE OF THE MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES SCHEME – 2020/21
Classification: Unrestricted

Summary: This report recommends a Members' Allowances Scheme for 2020/21, based on the scheme approved in July 2017, for formal adoption by the County Council.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 Under the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003, every relevant local authority is required to review its Members' Allowances Scheme at least once every four years and formally adopt a Members' Allowances Scheme each year.
- 1.2 In July 2017, Members debated at length the Members' Allowances Scheme as part of the statutory requirement to review the scheme and made a number of decisions that were reflected in the Constitution. At that time, Members formally decided that:

“from 2018/19 onwards, an annual increase be applied to the Basic Allowance, Special Responsibility Allowances and Carer's Allowance that is index-linked to the total staff pay progression pot agreed for the previous financial year and expressed as a percentage”
- 1.3 This report proposes an amended scheme for annual adoption in accordance with our statutory obligation and pursuant to the decision of Members in 2017.
- 1.4 Appendix A1 to this report sets out the Members' Allowances Scheme for 2019/20. Appendix A2 sets out the Scheme to be adopted for 2020/21. Once adopted, the Constitution will be updated to reflect this agreed change.

2. Recommendation:

The County Council approve the Members' Allowances Scheme for 2020/21 as set out in Appendix A2 to this report.

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3. Background Documents

None.

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