

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

ANNUAL COUNCIL – 10 MAY 2017

REPORT BY HEAD OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES AND  
MONITORING OFFICER

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MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES 2017/2018

WARD(S) AFFECTED: All

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**Purpose/Summary of Report**

- To report the recommendations of the Council's Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP) following its review of Members' Allowances.

**RECOMMENDATIONS: That the IRP recommend to Council that:**

<b>(A)</b>	<b>An increase of 1% in the basic and special responsibility allowances be supported;</b>
<b>(B)</b>	<b>the Chairmen of each revised Scrutiny Committee (from 5 to 2) each receive a payment of £6,400;</b>
<b>(C)</b>	<b>there be no change in the Carers and Dependents allowance;</b>
<b>(D)</b>	<b>there be an amendment to the provision in relation to mileage allowance from 0.45p for the first 50 miles to 0.45p for the first 10,000;</b>
<b>(E)</b>	<b>the provision relating to 'out of district' payments for journeys at 0.25 after the first 50 miles be discontinued;</b>
<b>(F)</b>	<b>there be an amendment to remove the requirement under approved duties at point 4 of Appendix 2 of the scheme to have prior approval for attendance at meetings; and</b>
<b>(G)</b>	<b>the Members' Allowance Scheme be subject to an in-depth review for 2018/19.</b>

## 1.0 Background

- 1.1 The Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003 requires each principal local authority to establish an Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP) to submit recommendations on its Members' Allowances.
- 1.2 Before a local Authority makes or amends its Members' Allowances Scheme it shall have regard to the recommendations made by its IRP.
- 1.3 At its meeting on 29 March 2017 Council agreed to note the appointment of the three new Independent Remuneration Panel Members and that the deadline for consideration of the Members' Allowance Scheme be extended until Annual Council (on 10 May 2017).
- 1.4 The Independent Remuneration Panel met on 11 April 2017 which consisted of Mr Nicholas Moss, Mr Jonathan Pool and Mr Glenn Sexton who were appointed on 27 and 28 February 2017.

## 2.0 Report

- 2.1 The Council's IRP's grounds for the proposed recommendations on Members' Allowances for 2017/18 can be found at **Essential Reference Paper 'B'**.
- 2.2 Council is invited to consider the IRP's recommendations before determining a Members' Allowances scheme for 2017/2018.

## 3.0 Implications/Consultations

- 3.1 Information on any corporate issues associated with this report can be found within **Essential Reference Paper 'A'**.

## Background Papers

None

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