

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

COUNCIL – 1 MARCH 2018

REPORT BY THE MONITORING OFFICER

EXTENSION OF THE MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES SCHEME 2017/18

WARD(S) AFFECTED: ALL

Purpose/Summary of Report

- This report requests an extension of the Members' Allowances Scheme for 2017/18 (which expires on 31 March 2018)

<u>RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL:</u> that:	
(A)	the deadline for consideration of the Members' Allowance Scheme 2017/18 be extended until Annual Council in May 2018.

1.0 Background

1.1 The Council's Constitution requires the Members' Allowance Scheme to be reviewed by an Independent Remuneration Panel, every year and by the deadline of 31 March.

2.0 Report

1.2 Changes to the Constitution are currently under review by the Constitution Working Group and the final report will be presented to Council for approval on 16 May 2018.

1.3 Members may recall that Council at its meeting in May 2017 requested an in-depth review of Members' Allowances for the period 2017/18. As part of this process, Members have recently been circulated with a questionnaire to establish their views on the current scheme and are encouraged to take part in the process to ensure that the responses received are representative of the Council as a whole. These views will be collated and reported to the Independent Remuneration Panel in March 2018 for their consideration with a report to Council in May 2018.

1.4 At present, the Members' Allowance Scheme for 2017/18 expires on 31 March 2018 and Members are asked to approve an extension of this scheme until consideration of the Members' Allowances Scheme is made by the Independent Remuneration Panel and its recommendations are thereafter received by Council at its meeting on 16 May 2018.

3.0 Implications/Consultations

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

Background Papers

None

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