



Report sponsor: Strategic Director of Corporate Resources
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Members' Allowances Scheme 2019-20

Purpose

- 1.1 Council is required to set a Members' Allowances Scheme for 2019-20, which provides for the payment of a basic allowance and special responsibility allowances to councillors.
- 1.2 The Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) regulations 2003 require councils to have regard to the recommendations of an Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP) when setting a scheme of allowances.
- 1.3 In setting the Members' Allowances Scheme 2018-19 Council considered a report of the IRP following a review that took place throughout the preceding municipal year.

Owing to the on-going review of Derby City Council's governance arrangements, which may require further changes to the Members' Allowances Scheme, Council did not accept the majority of the recommendations put forward.

Council resolved to request that the IRP reconsidered the Members' Allowances Scheme, following the outcome of the review.

- 1.4 In light of this resolution, only consequential amendments are proposed to the scheme for 2019/20 and recommendation 2.1 is put to Council for consideration.

Recommendation

- 2.1 To approve the Members' Allowances Scheme for 2019/20, as set out at Appendix 1, to take effect immediately.

Reason(s)

- 3.1 The council is statutorily required to set a Members' Allowances Scheme under the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) regulations 2003.

Supporting information

- 4.1 The IRP considered the scheme in full throughout the 2017-18 municipal year, taking into account a broad range of evidence and making a series of recommendations.

Whilst Council accepted the principles of the changes proposed by the IRP, it was resolved to defer decisions on the majority of recommendations until the review of the

council's governance arrangements was concluded. This review is ongoing.

- 4.2 Statute requires that Council has regard to the recommendations made by the IRP before it amends any part of the Members' Allowances Scheme. As no changes are proposed to the scheme for the 2019-20 municipal year, a further report of the IRP is not considered necessary.

Public/stakeholder engagement

- 5.1 Council considered the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel in May 2018 when setting its existing scheme.

The Chair of the IRP, Mr Narinder Sharma, has been consulted and is in support of the recommendation to extend the existing scheme. It is not considered an appropriate use of the panel's time to prepare a report until such time as the review of the council's governance arrangements has progressed further.

Other options

- 6.1 None.

Financial and value for money issues

- 7.1 No changes are proposed to the scheme agreed by Council on 23 May 2018.

Legal implications

- 8.1 None directly arising.

Other significant implications

- 9.1 None directly arising.

This report has been approved by the following people:

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Background papers:	Item 20 - Members Allowances 2018/19 - Recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel, Council, 23 May 2018
List of appendices:	Appendix 1 – Proposed Members' Allowances Scheme 2019-20