

COUNCIL – 27TH FEBRUARY 2023

Report of the Chief Executive

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL IN RESPECT OF ALLOWANCES PAID TO MEMBERS OF CHARNWOOD BOROUGH COUNCIL FOR 2023/24

Purpose of Report

To consider the findings and the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel in respect of allowances paid to members of Charnwood Borough Council and the Scheme of Members' Allowances for 2023/24.

Recommendation

That Council considers the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel, submitted in accordance with the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003 as set out in Appendix A, and agrees to adopt the proposed Scheme of Members' Allowances for the financial year 2023/24 as set out at Appendix B.

Reason

To ensure compliance with the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003.

Policy Justification and Previous Decisions

In setting the level of allowances to be paid for each year, the Council is obliged to have regard to recommendations made by an Independent Remuneration Panel.

Attached at Appendix A is the report of the Independent Remuneration Panel in respect of the allowances it recommends should be paid to members of Charnwood Borough Council for the financial year 2023/24 (subject to any annual uplift that may be subsequently applied as a result of the link to officer pay awards agreed at the Council meeting on 21st February 2022 – minute ref. 135).

Implementation Timetable including Future Decisions and Scrutiny

The revised Scheme of Allowances, if approved, would come into effect at the start of the 2023/24 financial year (ie. 1st April 2023).

The Head of Governance & Human Resources has delegated authority to apply any uplift to the allowances within the Scheme that may arise due to the link to officer pay awards that was agreed at the Council meeting on 21st February 2022.

Report Implications

The following implications have been identified for this report.

Financial Implications

The proposed allowances can be met from within existing budgets.

Risk Management

No specific risks have been identified in relation to this decision.

Background Papers: None

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Appendices

- Appendix A: Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel in Respect of Allowances Paid to Members of Charnwood Borough Council
- Appendix B: Proposed Scheme of Members' Allowances
- Appendix C: Summary Benchmarking of Member Allowances Schemes