

## AUDIT COMMITTEE - TUESDAY, 11 JULY 2023

### Report of the Head of Governance & Human Resources

#### Part A

#### ALLOWANCES AND EXPENSES CLAIMED BY COUNCILLORS AND CO-OPTED MEMBERS

##### Purpose of Report

To consider the amounts claimed by members of the Borough Council and co-opted members under the Council's Members' Allowances Scheme for 2022/2023.

##### Recommendations

1. That the amounts claimed in allowances and expenses by Councillors and co-opted members be noted; and
2. That any issues arising from the report be referred to the Head of Governance & Human Resources for further investigation.

##### Reasons

1. To enable the Committee to ensure that the operation of the Members' Allowances Scheme complied with the published standards and controls.
2. To ensure that the issues could be investigated and a response given, and if necessary recommendations made for addressing any unresolved issues.

##### Policy Justification and Previous Decisions

The role of the Audit Committee is to provide part of the Council's assurance/compliance framework, including considering the Council's compliance with its own and other published standards and controls.

##### Implementation Timetable including Future Decisions

Any issues that the Committee identify should be referred to the Head of Governance & Human Resources for further investigation and a further report if necessary.

##### Report Implications

##### ***Financial Implications***

None.

##### ***Risk Management***

There are no risks associated with this decision.

### ***Equality and Diversity***

None identified.

### **Climate Change and Carbon Impact**

None identified.

### ***Crime and Disorder***

None identified.

### **Wards Affected**

None.

### **Publicity Arrangements**

Details of the allowances paid are published on the Council's website and in a local newspaper.

### ***Consultations***

Not applicable.

### **Links to the Corporate Strategy**

Caring for the Environment	No
Healthy Communities	No
A Thriving Economy	No
Your Council	No

Background Papers: None

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## **Part B**

### Background

1. The Council's Members' Allowances Scheme is reviewed by an Independent Remuneration Panel which makes recommendations to Council on the Allowances to be paid to Councillors and co-opted members and what expenses can be claimed and the criteria under which a claim can be made.
2. The Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003 require each local authority to publish details of allowances paid to each Councillor for the previous year. The information for the financial year 2021/2022 is attached as an Appendix to this report.

### Appendix

Allowances and Expenses paid to Councillors and Co-opted Members (April 2022 to March 2023).