

AGENDA ITEM NO. 13

COUNCIL

Date **25 JULY 2013**

Title **MEMBER ALLOWANCES REVIEW PROPOSAL**

1. PURPOSE/SUMMARY

To seek guidance as to whether members wish to conduct a review of the current scheme of Member Allowances.

2. KEY ISSUES

- Under the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003, all Councils must operate a Members Allowances scheme. The scheme details how Members are remunerated for costs incurred whilst conducting Council business. This includes, amongst other payments, the basic allowance, special responsibility allowance and travelling and subsistence payments.
- The Council is required to review Member Allowances through the establishment of an independent Remuneration Panel, which makes recommendations on the levels of the above allowances.
- The current scheme has been operating successfully since November 2011.
- The Council is statutorily required to review the Members' Allowances Scheme at least every 4 years.
- In November 2011, the independent Remuneration Panel recommended that a review should be undertaken within two years of the 2011 review, with a deadline of November 2013.
- By law, Members have until November 2015 to review the Members Allowances Scheme.

3. RECOMMENDATION

For Members to decide when to conduct a review of the current scheme of Members Allowances, not later than November 2015.

Wards Affected	All
Forward Plan Reference No. (if applicable)	Not Applicable
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