

## REPORT TO EXECUTIVE

Date of Meeting: 2 June 2020

Report of: Corporate Manager Democratic and Civic Support

Title: Members' Allowances and Expenses Paid 2019/20

### Is this a Key Decision?

No

### Is this an Executive or Council Function?

Executive

#### 1. What is the report about?

To report the allowances paid to Elected Members in 2019/20.

#### 2. Recommendations:

The Members of the Executive note the allowances paid and the expenses claimed by Members in 2019/20.

#### 3. Reasons for the recommendation:

The Council has a statutory obligation to publish all allowances paid, and expenses claimed by Members each financial year.

#### 4. What are the resource implications including non-financial resources:

There is an existing budget allocation to meet the amount paid in Members' Allowances

#### 5. Section 151 Officer comments:

The amounts contained within the report were within budget, when taking into account the additional, approved expenditure during the year.

#### 6. What are the legal aspects?

The Members Allowances Scheme is governed by the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, and in particular the details are set out in the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003. Publication of the details contained in this report meet these requirements.

#### 7. Monitoring Officer comments:

The publication of the details concerned in this report meet the statutory requirements imposed upon local authorities.

#### 8. Report details:

The Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003 require the Council to publish the total sum of each of the following allowances paid to each recipient in the previous financial year:

(a) Basic allowance,

- (b) Special responsibility allowance,
- (c) Dependants' carers' allowance,
- (d) Travelling and subsistence allowance,
- (e) Co-optees' allowance, and
- (f) The Lord Mayor and Deputy Lord Mayor's expenses allowance.

A schedule of allowances made and expenses claimed for 2019/20 is attached to this report in Appendix A.

The amounts paid are in accordance with the Scheme of Member's Allowance as agreed by Council on 19 December 2017, which accepted the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel on Members' Allowances, which included approval of a three year allowances scheme.

## **9. How does the decision contribute to the Council's Corporate Plan?**

- Ensuring a well-run Council.
- To invoke public confidence that the Council's operation in relation to Members are transparent.

## **10. What risks are there and how can they be reduced?**

The risks are reduced by the publication of this annual report.

## **11. Equality Act 2010 (The Act)**

In recommending this proposal no potential impact has been identified on people with protected characteristics as determined by the Act because the report is for information.

## **12. Carbon Footprint (Environmental) Implications:**

There are no direct carbon/environmental impacts arising from the recommendations.

## **13. Are there any other options?**

None

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## **Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1972 (as amended)**

None

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