

## **REPORT TO EXECUTIVE**

Date of Meeting: 1 June 2021

Report of: Corporate Manager Democratic and Civic Support

Title: Members' Allowances and Expenses Paid 2020/21

### **Is this a Key Decision?**

No

### **Is this an Executive or Council Function?**

Executive

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

1.1 To report the allowances paid to Elected Members in 2020/21.

#### **2. Recommendations:**

2.1 The Members of the Executive note the allowances paid and the expenses claimed by Members in 2020/21, and the correction that the remuneration for the Chair of the newly formed Harbour Board is £1567.

#### **3. Reasons for the recommendation:**

3.1 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:**

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

#### **5. Section 151 Officer Comments:**

5.1 The amounts contained within the report were within budget for the 2020/21 financial year.

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

6.1 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:**

8.1 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.

8.2 A schedule of allowances made and expenses claimed for 2020/21 is attached to this report in Appendix A.

8.3 The amounts paid are in accordance with the Scheme of Member's Allowance as agreed by Council on 1 December 2020, which accepted the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel on Members' Allowances, which included approval of the scheme for 2021/22.

8.4 The report included the detail of remuneration paid for the newly formed Council Housing and Development Advisory Board, which will be drawn separately from the Housing Revenue Account. Remuneration will also be paid to the newly formed Harbour Board. Members are requested to note that an administrative error was made in the sum quoted of £1527 in relation to the Chair of the Harbour Board in the report presented to the Executive on 1 December 2020, which should have read £1567.

## **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?**

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

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

11.1 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:**

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

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

13.1 None

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

None

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