

DECISION ITEM

REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
RESOURCES DIRECTORATE	COUNCIL	6 DECEMBER 2021	8

MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES

PUBLIC ITEM

This item is for consideration in the public part of the meeting.

SUMMARY

The Independent Remuneration Panel has agreed a recommendation for councillors' allowances for the financial year 2022-23. The recommendation is detailed below. The report asks members to consider the recommendation and adopt if appropriate.

RECOMMENDATION

To adopt the following recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel with effect from 1 April 2022:

I. No increase to the level of basic allowance and special responsibility allowances but to maintain them as follows:

Basic allowance – £4,000

Leader of the Council – £10,625

Deputy Leader – £3,190

Chairmen of Programme Committees – £4,250

Vice-Chairman of above – £2,125

Chairman of Audit and Standards – £3,450

Vice-Chairman of Audit and Standards – £1,725

Chairmen of Public Protection and Licensing – £1,725

Vice-Chairmen of above – £865

Chairman of Member Development Steering Group – £2,125

Leader of each political group – £34 a member

II. Maintain the present level of travel and subsistence allowances and dependent carers' allowance for 2022 – 23.

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS DECISIONS

Council considers recommendations from the Independent Remuneration Panel each year. Last municipal year, the recommendations were reported to the council 19 October 2020. The decision of the council at that meeting was not to increase the level of allowances.

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

Economy – To create a vibrant and healthy economy

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Environment – To deliver services customers expect

Efficiency – By spending money in the most efficient way	√
Tourism – To create a great place to live and visit	

REPORT

1. The Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003 provide for local authorities to establish and maintain an independent remuneration panel. The purpose of the panel is to make recommendations to the council about the allowances to be paid to elected members.
2. The council must have regard to the recommendations of the panel.
3. Local authorities must include in their scheme of allowances a basic allowance, payable to all members, and may include provision for the payment of special responsibility allowances and a dependants' carers' allowance. The Regulations allow the inclusion of a travel and subsistence and a co-optees' allowance within an allowances scheme. These allowances are discretionary.
4. The independent panel has met and has made recommendations concerning the council's scheme.
5. The Panel being mindful of the ongoing impact of the pandemic and the council has uncertainty over future funding, it was considered prudent to not recommend an increase for 2021/22
6. Members are asked to consider the two documents below:

Appendix 1: [The report to the independent panel](#); and

Appendix 2: [A note of the panel's deliberations and recommendations](#).

IMPLICATIONS	
Finance	The Council's base revenue budget includes recurring provision of £271,502 per annum for the member's allowance scheme. Any increases in allowances will result in increased revenue costs which will require approval by Council.
Legal	Payment of members' allowances and the amount of such allowances is discretionary. However, the council is obliged to "have regard" to the recommendations of the independent panel.
Community Safety	None
Human Rights and Equalities	None
Sustainability and Environmental Impact	None
Health & Safety and Risk Management	None

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BACKGROUND PAPERS						
Name of document	Date	Where available for inspection				
Report to remuneration panel	November 2021	Town Hall, Lytham St Annes		Notes of remuneration panel meeting	November 2021	Town Hall, Lytham St Annes

Attached Documents

Appendix 1: The report to the independent panel

Appendix 2: A note of the panel's deliberations and recommendations