

DECISION ITEM

REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
RESOURCES DIRECTORATE	COUNCIL	4 DECEMBER 2017	9
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 2018-19. The recommendation is detailed below. The report asks members to consider the recommendation and adopt if appropriate.

RECOMMENDATION

To consider adopting the following recommendation of the Independent Remuneration Panel with effect from 1 April 2018:

To maintain the present level of basic allowance, special responsibility allowances, travel and subsistence allowances and dependent carer's' allowance for 2018 – 19.

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS DECISIONS

Council considers recommendations from the Independent Remuneration Panel each year. Last municipal year, the recommendations were reported to the council 5 December 2016. The decision of the council at that meeting was to maintain the present level of allowances, and to make a small increase to the allowance for the Independent Persons.

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

Spending your money in the most efficient way to achieve excellent services (Value for Money)	√
Delivering the services that customers expect of an excellent council (Clean and Green)	
Working with all partners (Vibrant Economy)	
To make sure Fylde continues to be one of the most desirable places to live (A Great Place to Live)	
Promoting Fylde as a great destination to visit (A Great Place to 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 Council's budget, recommended that there be no change in the current level of allowances.
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 £254,855 per annum for the member's allowance scheme.
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	October 2017	Town Hall, Lytham St Annes
Notes of remuneration panel meeting	October 2017	Town Hall, Lytham St Annes