

DECISION ITEM

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RESOURCES DIRECTORATE	COUNCIL	5 JULY 2021	7

DEPUTY MAYOR'S ALLOWANCE

PUBLIC ITEM

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

SUMMARY

In 2020 the Independent Remuneration Panel were asked to provide an opinion on the level of the Deputy Mayor's allowances when considering the councillors' allowances scheme. In reaching their view the Panel took into consideration the level of attendance at events and support to fundraising efforts the Deputy Mayor provides to the Mayor. Their view was to increase the Deputy Mayor's allowance by 30% to £2394 per annum.

At the Council meeting, held on 19 October 2020, members agreed to adopt the recommendation from the Independent Remuneration Panel in relation to the councillors' allowances scheme but deferred the consideration of the Deputy Mayor's allowance to a future meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

1. To accept the recommendation of the Independent Remuneration Panel to increase the Deputy Mayor's allowance from £1,842 to £2,394 with effect from 1st April 2021
2. Approve an unfunded revenue budget increase in respect of the above changes to Deputy Mayor's Allowances in the sum of £552 per annum from 2021/22 onwards.

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS DECISIONS

s://fylde.cmis.uk.com/fylde/MeetingsCalendar/tabid/70/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/397/Meeting/1156/Committee/17/SelectedTab/Documents/Default.aspx" [Council 19 October 2020](#)

RESOLVED to adopt the following recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel with effect from 1 April 2021:

1. No increase to the level of basic allowance and special responsibility allowances but to maintain them,
2. Maintain the present level of travel and subsistence allowances and dependent carers' allowance for 2021/22;
3. To maintain the allowance paid to the three Independent Persons at £800 per person per annum, with the cost to be shared equally with Blackpool;
4. To defer the consideration of the increase of the Deputy Mayor's allowance from £1,842 to £2,394 to a future meeting; and
5. To defer any increase to the revenue budget until such a time the subject of recommendation 4 had been considered.

p [Council 14 October 2019](#).

The decision of the Council at that meeting was to increase the level of allowances.

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

Economy – To create a vibrant and healthy economy	
Environment – To deliver services customers expect	
Efficiency – By spending money in the most efficient way	v
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 Council, at the meeting held on 19 October 2020, made recommendations concerning the Council's scheme but deferred the consideration of the Deputy Mayor's allowance to a future meeting.
5. The proposed increase in the Deputy Mayor's allowance was as a result of a review by the Independent Remuneration Panel. In reaching their view the Panel took into consideration the level of attendance at events and support to fundraising efforts the Deputy Mayor provides to the Mayor as well as undertaking a benchmarking exercise against other districts. Their view was to increase the Deputy Mayor's allowance by 30% to £2394 per annum.
6. Members are asked to consider the parts of the two documents below that refer to the Deputy Mayor's Allowance:
 - 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 £271.352 per annum for the member's allowance scheme. The effect of the change proposed to the Mayoral budget would be an increase in the annual cost of Allowances in the civic budget of £552 per annum from 2021/22 onwards.
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	September 2020	Town Hall, Lytham St Annes
Notes of remuneration panel meeting	September 2020	Town Hall, Lytham St Annes
Council report & minutes	19 October 2020	gsCalendar/tabid/70/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/397/Meeting/1156/Committee/17/SelectedTab/Documents/Default.aspx" Council reports and minutes

Attached Documents

Appendix 1: The report to the independent panel

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