

MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES – SCHEME TO APPLY FROM 1 APRIL 2019

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Allowances paid to members of the Council are set out in the Members' Allowances Scheme. The Council is required annually to make a scheme of members' allowances, which must be published.
- 1.2 The current scheme is available to view at <http://www.newforest.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=36587&p=0>

2. CURRENT SCHEME

- 2.1 The current scheme provides for the annual adjustment of allowances (basic, special responsibility and dependant carers' allowances) by the Local Government staff employees' national pay award annual percentage increase.
- 2.2 In 2018, the national pay award was settled for the two years 2018/19 and 2019/20 with a 2% pay increase for each year. Members' Allowances should therefore increase by 2% with effect from 1 April 2019. No other changes to the scheme are proposed. Indeed, no changes are possible without a recommendation from the Independent Remuneration Panel.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 Provision has been made in the draft 2019/20 budget.

4. ENVIRONMENTAL, EQUALITY & DIVERSITY AND CRIME & DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are none.

5. RECOMMENDATION

- 5.1 That it be a recommendation to the Council that the current scheme of members' allowances be made as the scheme to apply from 1 April 2019.

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Background Papers:

Published documents