CABINET – 3 FEBRUARY 2021

MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES – SCHEME TO APPLY FROM 1 APRIL 2021

1. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

1.1 That the Cabinet recommend to Full Council that the current scheme of members' allowances be made as the scheme to apply from 1 April 2021.

2. INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 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.
- 2.2 The current scheme is available to view at <u>Members' Allowances Scheme 2020/21</u>.

3. CURRENT SCHEME

- 3.1 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.
- 3.2 The employee's national pay award for 2021/22 is still being negotiated. If an award is made it will automatically, under the terms of the Scheme, be backdated to 1 April 2021. No other changes to the scheme are proposed. Indeed, no changes are possible without a recommendation from the Independent Remuneration Panel.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Provision has been made in the draft 2021/22 budget.

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

5.1 There are none.

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