

## **MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES – SCHEME TO APPLY FROM 1 APRIL 2017**

### **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://newforest.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=31541&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 2016, the employees' national pay award was settled for the two years 2016/17, and 2017/18, with a 1% pay increase for each year. Members' allowances should therefore increase by 1% with effect from 1 April 2017. 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 2017/18 budget.

### **4. ENVIRONMENTAL, EQUALITY & DIVERSITY AND CRIME AND 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, with the individual allowances shown therein being increased by 1%, be made as the scheme to apply from 1 April 2017.

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#### **Background Papers:**

Published documents