

Members Allowance Scheme 2022-2025

REPORT TO FULL COUNCIL



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PURPOSE

1. To consider the Members Allowance Scheme for the period 2022-25.

RECOMMENDATION

2. That Full Council set the level of Members Allowances for 2022-25 as set out in the appendix to this report.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

3. The Local Authorities (Members Allowances)(England) Regulations 2003 state that an Authority may not set or amend its Members Allowance Scheme unless it has considered the findings of an Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP).

Whilst the Council must have regard to the advice of the IRP it is for Council to set the scheme.

The Local Authorities (Members Allowances)(England) Regulations 2003 require that the setting of a Members Allowance Scheme must be determined by the Council prior to 1st April each year and the Scheme be published in a local newspaper.

SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS

4. The Independent Remuneration Panel conducted a review of the members' allowance scheme and its findings were considered by Full Council at its meeting on 8th December 2021.
5. The main findings of the Panel were that the allowances in Burnley were now up to a level comparable with that of that of neighbouring authorities, but that there was still a case for further small increases to be made to ensure the level of allowances adequately recompensed members for their work and that they were not out of pocket.
6. The Panel is therefore recommending a further three year scheme from 1st April 2022 and that it be index linked to the percentage increase in employees pay under the

National Joint Council (Administrative, Professional, Technical and Clerical) pay structure.

7. The Panel's full recommendations for the scheme of members' allowances 2022-25 attached at Appendix 1 to this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND BUDGET PROVISION

8. The budget for 2022 is £217055

The NJC staff pay award will need to be factored in once it has been confirmed. Years two and three will also be subject to the index linked to NJC staff pay awards.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

9. Council must have regard to the IRP recommendations before it takes a decision of the level of allowances paid to its elected members.

DETAILS OF CONSULTATION

10. Member Structures and Support Working Group (24.11.21)
11. Full Council (08.12.21)

BACKGROUND PAPERS

12. None

FURTHER INFORMATION

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