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Committee  
Governance and Audit

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**Subject: 2016/2017 Members Allowance**

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Purpose / Summary:

To allow the Governance and Audit Committee to discuss Members Allowance for 2016/2017 to assist the work of the Remuneration Panel

**RECOMMENDATION(S): That Members consider and discuss issues around the Members Allowance scheme and feed into the Remuneration Panels deliberations.**

## IMPLICATIONS

**Legal:**

**Financial :**

**Staffing :**

**Equality and Diversity including Human Rights :**

*NB: Please explain how you have considered the policy's impact on different groups (for example: young people, elderly, ethnic minorities, LGBT community, rural residents, disabled, others).*

**Risk Assessment :**

**Climate Related Risks and Opportunities :**

**Title and Location of any Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:**

*Wherever possible please provide a hyperlink to the background paper/s  
If a document is confidential and not for public viewing it should not be listed.*

**Call in and Urgency:**

**Is the decision one which Rule 14.7 of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules apply?**

*i.e. is the report exempt from being called in due to urgency (in consultation with C&I chairman)*

**Yes**

**No**

**Key Decision:**

*A matter which affects two or more wards, or has significant financial implications*

**Yes**

**No**

## **1 Introduction**

1.1 At full Council on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2014 members agreed to a change in the constitution which changes the role of the Governance and Audit Committee with respect to Members Allowance.

1.2 The Committee no longer reviews the recommendations of the Remuneration Panel prior to the findings being presented to full Council. However it is recognised that the committee does have a role in the process. A discussion at this committee will be fed into the deliberations of the panel who will independently make recommendations to full council using all evidence available.

## **2 Considerations**

- The 2015/2016 members allowance scheme attached as appendix A
- Changes in workload for ward members
- Changes in workloads for Chairs and Vice Chairs
- The financial position of the Council
- Review the SRAs paid to the Leader of the Opposition/Deputy Leader of the Opposition/Minority Group Leaders
- Review the SRAs paid to the Four Vice Chairs of Prosperous Communities/Challenge & Improvement committees
- Any other factors which members feels are relevant

## APPENDIX A

### SRA – Special Responsibility Allowances

		£
A	Basic Allowance	£5,280
B	SRA - Leader of Council	£11,747
C	SRA – Deputy Leader/s (in the event of two or more being nominated, the payment to be shared)	£4,237
D	SRA -Chair of Council	£3,737
E	SRA – Vice-Chair of Council	£1,282
F	Civic Allowance for the Chairman of Council	£1,500
G	Civic Allowance for the Vice-Chairman of Council	£400
H	SRA – Committee Chairs	£2,919
I	SRA – Committee Vice-Chairs	£1,382
J	SRA – Chair of Taxi & General Sub-Committee	£1,382
K	SRA – Leader of the Opposition (in the event of the Council being a ‘hung <sup>1</sup> ’ Council, the Leaders of the two largest groups be paid the same special responsibility allowance as for the Leader of the Opposition)	£3,737

L	SRA – Deputy Leader of the Opposition	£769
M	SRA – Minority Group Leaders (per group member)	£85
N	Co-optees' Allowance – A payment of £38.18 for the first four hours of attendance at a meeting/event and a second payment for attendance in excess of four hours. The first four hours would commence from the start time of the meeting (To be paid when not chairing a meeting).	£50

No change to the allowances for Dependent Carers or travel allowances. The Panel noted and commented that travel allowances are currently in line with the tax efficient rate authorised by the Inland Revenue.

Subsistence – No change (Receipts must be provided for subsistence claimed and attached to the claim form).

- a. Absence of more than four hours but no more than eight hours – only the cost of one meal can be reimbursed up to a maximum of £15.
- b. Absence of more than eight hours but no more than 12 hours – only the cost of two meals can be reimbursed up to a maximum of £25.
- c. Absence of more than 12 hours but no more than 16 hours – only the cost of three meals can be reimbursed up to a maximum of £33.
- d. Absence of more than 16 hours but not including an overnight stay – only the cost of four meals can be reimbursed up to a maximum of £40.
- e. Overnight – No Change – £83
- f. Overnight (London or LGA) – No Change – £208