



**Committee
Governance and Audit**

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Subject: 2018/2019 Members' Allowances

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Purpose / Summary:

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

RECOMMENDATION: To consider and discuss issues around the Members' Allowances scheme and feed into the Remuneration Panel's deliberations.

IMPLICATIONS

Legal: None directly resulting from this report

Financial : None directly resulting from this report

Staffing : None directly resulting from this report

**Equality and Diversity including Human Rights :
None directly resulting from this report**

Risk Assessment :

Climate Related Risks and Opportunities :

Title and Location of any Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:
None.

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 The process for the setting of Members' Allowances has been established for a number of years. West Lindsey, in common with Local Authorities has a Remuneration Panel which is made up of Independent people from the West Lindsey area. This panel consults with Group leaders, individual Members and with the Governance and Audit Committee. The Panel make recommendations to Full Council in January where the proposals can be accepted or rejected.
- 1.2 The role of this Committee is that of consultee. 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 2017/2018 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;
- Changes in the operation of the Licensing and Regulatory Committees;
- Consideration of a proposal to reimburse members for the costs eyesight tests;
- Consideration of increased caring costs since the rate for "Dependant Carers Allowance" was last reviewed.

Rates of Allowance Appendix 1

Amount

Code Description

2017/2018 A

	Basic Allowance	£5,400
B	SRA - Leader of Council	£12,000
C	SRA – Deputy Leader/s (in the event of two or more being nominated, the payment to be shared)	£4,350
D	SRA -Chair of Council	£3,840
E	SRA – Vice-Chair of Council	£1,320
F	Civic Allowance for the Chairman of Council	£1,550
G	Civic Allowance for the Vice-Chairman of Council	£420
H	SRA – Committee Chairs	£3,000
I	SRA – Committee Vice-Chairs	£1,420
J	SRA – Leader of the Opposition (in the event of the Council being a 'hung' Council, the Leaders of the two largest groups be paid the same special responsibility allowance as for the Leader of the Opposition)	£4,350
K	SRA – Deputy Leader of the Opposition	£790
L	SRA – Minority Group Leaders (per group member)	£90
M	Co-optees' Allowance – A payment of £60 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).	
N	Dependant Carers' Allowance (maximum per hour) (to follow the minimum wage)	£6.50
O	Car Allowance (per mile) (the mileage rate to be	£0.45