

Open Report on behalf of Richard Wills, Executive Director responsible for Democratic Services

Report to:	County Council
Date:	19 February 2016
Subject:	Members Allowances 2016/17

Summary:

This report recommends a Members Allowances Scheme for the financial year 2016/17 based on the decisions of Council on 21 February 2014, when it was agreed that the Allowances should be adjusted annually in line with local government 'green book' pay awards.

Recommendation(s):

That Council adopts the Members Allowances Scheme as detailed in Appendix A to this report.

1. Background

1.1 The County Council sets a Scheme of Members' Allowances and expenses in accordance with the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003 and other relevant legislation.

1.2 At its meeting on 21 February 2014 the County Council agreed a revised Scheme of Members Allowances for 2014-18, following recommendations from the Independent Remuneration Panel.

1.3 In addition, the Council agreed to adjust the allowances annually in line with local government 'green book' pay awards.

1.4 Last year a 2.2% award was implemented in line with the award made to staff under the green book. That award covered the period from 1st January 2015 to 31st March 2016. On that basis no further increase is therefore due.

1.5 Council must vote to adopt a Scheme each year. The proposed Scheme for 2016/17, which will apply from April 1, 2016, is identical to the current scheme. It is attached at Appendix A.

2. Conclusion

Under the 2003 Regulations the Council is required to vote to adopt a Scheme of Members' Allowances each year. The proposed Scheme for 2016/17 is attached at Appendix A.

3. Legal Comments:

Regulation 10 of the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003 requires the Council to make a Scheme of Members Allowances prior to April 1 in every year.

Approval of the Scheme of Members' Allowances is reserved to full Council.

4. Resources Comments:

There are no additional financial implications arising from acceptance of the recommendations in this report.

5. Consultation

a) Has Local Member Been Consulted?

n/a

b) Has Executive Councillor Been Consulted?

Yes

c) Scrutiny Comments

n/a

d) Policy Proofing Actions Required

n/a

6. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Proposed Members Allowances Scheme 2016/17

7. Background Papers

The following background papers as defined in the Local Government Act 1972 were relied upon in the writing of this report.

Document title	Where the document can be viewed
Independent Remuneration Panel Report to Lincolnshire County Council 21 February 2014	Lincolnshire County Council website and Democratic Services

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