

SCHEME OF MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES 2013/14

Relevant Portfolio Holder	Cllr John Fisher, Portfolio Holder for Corporate Management
Portfolio Holder Consulted	Yes
Relevant Head of Service	Claire Felton, Head of Legal, Equalities and Democratic Services
Ward(s) Affected	None specifically
Ward Councillor(s) Consulted	N/A
Non-Key Decision	

1. SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS

- 1.1 In previous years the Scheme of Members' Allowances presented to the Council has essentially comprised no more than the basic and special responsibility allowances as agreed by Members.
- 1.2 The attached Scheme attempts to provide a rather more comprehensive guide to the Allowances to which elected Members are entitled.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Council is requested to RESOLVE that

the Scheme of Members' Allowances for 2013/14 be approved.

3. KEY ISSUES

Financial Implications

- 3.1 There are no financial implications arising from the present report as the allowances indicated within the attached Scheme are met within existing budgets.

Legal Implications

- 3.2 There are no specific legal implications arising from the present report.

Service / Operational Implications

- 3.3 Previously the Scheme of Members' Allowances has contained little more than the range of basic and special responsibility allowances as agreed by the Council following its consideration of the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel.
- 3.4 In order to provide rather more clarity and certainty for Members as to what they are able to claim for and, in certain instances, how much they are able to claim

the attached Scheme details some of the policies which the Council currently operates with regard to the payment of allowances. The Scheme does not contain any policies or proposed levels of allowance which are different to those which have been in place previously but it does seek to codify what presently pertains.

Customer / Equalities and Diversity Implications

- 3.7 No particular equalities and diversity implications have been identified with regard to this report.

4. RISK MANAGEMENT

There is a risk that, without such a Scheme, incorrect payments may be claimed or paid which may place the Council in the position of having to seek reimbursement from the affected Member.

5. APPENDICES

Appendix 1 - Scheme of Members' Allowances 2013/14

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Previous Schemes of Members Allowances for Redditch Borough Council.

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