



**Council**

**19 February 2015**

**Matter for decision**

Title: **Members Allowance Scheme 2015/16**

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## **1 Introduction**

This report asks Council to consider and adopt a Members Allowance Scheme for 2015/16 based on the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel. The Council is required to have regard for the Panel's report each year.

## **2 Recommendations**

**2.1** That Members adopt the Members Allowance Scheme as recommended by the Independent Remuneration Panel

## **3 Information**

Attached at Appendix 1 is the report of the Independent Remuneration Panel recommending a Members Allowance Scheme for the Council for the 2015/16.

The report builds on work undertaken by the Independent Remuneration Panel over the past two years by providing further information to the Council about the relationship of the current scheme to comparable councils.

The report proposes minor changes to the existing scheme and provides details of the work carried out by the Panel over the past year, with a view to proposing a revised scheme in April 2016.

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### **Background Papers:- Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel – 21.2.13 & 29.4.14**

<b>Implications</b>	
Financial (PL)	The Members Allowance Scheme as proposed is within the budget set aside for 2014/15
Risk	CR1: Decreasing Financial Resources
Equalities (KG)	No significant implications
Legal (KG)	The Council has a duty to consider the advice of the Independent Remuneration Panel in determining the Members Allowances.