

Record of Officer Decision

Members' Allowances Scheme 2023/2024

Decision Taker and Date Decision Taken:

Head of Governance Support on 10 June 2024

Summary of Matter or Issue Requiring Decision:

The previous Members' Allowances Scheme came into force in May 2019 following a review of the Independent Remuneration Panel upon the introduction of a new system of governance moving from the directly elected Mayor and Executive to the Leader and Cabinet model.

Since the last review in 2019 there had been further changes with the creation of two Scrutiny Sub-boards relating to Adult Social Care and Health and Children's and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny and in accordance with the provisions of the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003 it was a statutory requirement that a review should be undertaken in 2023.

Following an independent review of members' allowances during the latter half of 2023, the Council received the report of the Independent Remuneration Panel's review of the Members' Allowances Scheme and approved the updated Scheme as attached to this Record of Decision.

Decision Taken:

That, in accordance with the decision of Council Minute 95/2/24(9), the Members Allowances Scheme 2023/2024 (as attached to this Record of Decision) be updated.

Summary of Reason(s) for Decision Taken:

The Council is required, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003 to establish and maintain an Independent Remuneration Panel to keep the Members' Allowances Scheme under review and to convene the Panel before it makes any changes or amendments to the existing Members' Allowances Scheme.

Summary of Alternatives or Options considered and rejected and Background Papers:

An alternative option would be that the Council accepts and implements all the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel as set out in its report, or, Members' Allowances remain at the current level as set out in the 2019 Scheme, or, that the Council chooses to adopt some of the recommendations of the Independent Review Panel and not others.

Details of any conflict of interest and dispensation granted to the Officer taking the decision or by any Member of the Council in delegating responsibility for any specific express delegation:

None.

Implementation:

The decision will come into force immediately.

A copy of this decision and any supporting documentation considered by the Officer taking this decision may also be available for inspection by the public at the Council's offices or posted upon payment of any copying and postage charges. Any member of the public wishing to take up either of these options is asked to please ring (01803) 207087 or email governance.support@torbay.gov.uk

Signed: _____ Date: 10 June 2024
Head of Governance Support