

Extract from the minutes of the Joint Governance Committee - 22 March 2022

JGC/056/21-22 Scheme of Allowances for Council in 2022/23

The Joint Governance Committee was asked to consider the report of the Joint Independent Remuneration Panel and make recommendations to Adur District Council on the level of Members' Allowances for the municipal year 2022/23.

Recommendations from the Joint Governance Committee on the level of allowances, would be considered at the Full Council meeting on 7th April 2022.

Mr Barry Hillman, Chairman of the Joint Independent Remuneration Panel, attended the meeting to answer any questions in relation to the Panels proposals.

Members sought clarification regarding the consultation with group leaders in relation to the review of allowances. Officers agreed to provide details of the consultation with group leaders via a written response following the meeting.

The Committee debated the item giving consideration to the important role allowances played in attracting demographic representation across the Council; difficulties arising from the way that allowances were treated as salaries by HM Revenues & Customs; the process for claiming back carers allowances rather than paying it in advance; and the disparity between the allowances paid to Councillors serving on Adur and Worthing Councils. Officers noted the points raised and agreed to feed them into the next review of allowances undertaken by the Joint Independent Remuneration Panel.

The recommendation in the report was proposed by Cllr Rob Wilkinson, seconded by Cllr Andy McGregor and following a vote (For 3, Against 0, Abstentions 3) supported by the Committee.

Resolved

The Joint Governance Committee recommended to Adur District Council that Members Basic Allowance be linked to the outcome of the Officers' NJC Pay bargaining agreement for the year 2022/23.