

Extract from the minutes of the Joint Governance Committee 24 January 2023

JGC/50/22-23 Scheme of Allowances for Adur District Council

To consider reports from the Director for Digital, Sustainability & Resources, copies attached as item 8.

The Joint Audit & Governance Committee was asked to consider the report and the recommendations of the Joint Independent Remuneration Panel and make recommendations to Adur District Council on the level of Members' Allowances for the municipal year 2023/24.

Recommendations from the Committee on the level of allowances would be proposed at the meeting of Full Council in February.

Members discussed the proposal of Members only receiving one Special Responsibility Allowance (SRA) payment, even if they held more than one position of special responsibility. The Committee considered a number of matters in relation to this issue including the transparency of the scheme, the spread of SRAs amongst members and the work that would need to be undertaken by those undertaking multiple roles. On a vote it was recommended that Members should continue to receive SRAs for each position of special responsibility that they held.

Members also discussed the recommendation that those holding the position of Vice Chair on committees, receive 25% instead of 50% of the Chairman's allowance. The workload and time commitment undertaken by Vice chairs, the effect on the budget and the rationale of the independent panel were all discussed and Members agreed to recommend to keep the Vice Chair allowance at a 50% rate of the Chairs' allowance.

Resolved:

The Joint Audit & Governance Committee

- 1) Recommended that Adur District Council accept the report and recommendations of the Joint Independent Remuneration Panel with the following amendments

- i) That Members should continue to receive multiple SRAs in situations where they held more than one position of special responsibility
 - ii) That Members who hold the position of Vice Chair on a committee should receive an allowance equal to 50% of the Chairman's allowance.
- 2) That the Chief Financial Officer would assess the budgetary impact of these recommendations and then present them to Adur District Council on the Scheme of Allowances for 2023/24.