


Agenda Item No:	11	
Committee:	Council	
Date:	13 July 2017	
Report Title:	Members' Allowances Review Proposal	

1 Purpose / Summary

To seek guidance as to whether Members wish to conduct a review of the current scheme of Member Allowances.

2 Key issues

- Under the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003, all Councils must operate a Members Allowances scheme. The scheme details how Members are remunerated for costs incurred whilst conducting Council business. This includes, amongst other payments, the basic allowance, special responsibility allowance and travelling and subsistence payments.
- The Council is required to review Member Allowances through the establishment of an Independent Remuneration Panel, which makes recommendations on the levels of the above allowances.
- The current scheme has been operating successfully since April 2016 following the Review of Members' Allowances Report which was endorsed by Full Council in November 2015.
- The Council is statutorily required to review the Members' Allowances Scheme at least every 4 years.
- In November 2015, the Independent Remuneration Panel recommended that a review should be undertaken within two years of the 2015 review, with a deadline of November 2017.
- By law, Members have until November 2019 to review the Members Allowances Scheme.

3 Recommendations

For Members to decide either to:

- a) Defer the Members' Allowances Review Report until November 2019 or
- b) Complete the review for November 2017.

Wards Affected	All
Forward Plan Reference	N/A
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Background Paper(s)	Current Fenland District Council Members Allowances Scheme The Local Authorities (Member Allowances (England) Regulations 2003