



City of Westminster

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Title: **Council Meeting**

Meeting Date: **Wednesday 28th June, 2023**

Time: **7.00 pm**

Venue: **Westminster Council House, 97-113 Marylebone Road,  
London, NW1 5PT**

Members: **All Councillors are hereby summoned to attend the Meeting  
for the transaction of the business set out.**

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**12. REPORT OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE:  
MEMBER ALLOWANCE SCHEME 2023-2024: AMENDMENT**

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To receive, consider and debate, if chosen, the following report which contains recommendations to the Council for approval and adoption.

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London, SW1E 6QP  
22 June 2023**

**Chief Executive**

## Report of the General Purposes Committee held on 21 June 2023

**Present:** Councillor David Boothroyd (Chair), Ellie Ormsby, Matt Noble and Paul Swaddle

### **Members' Allowance Scheme 2023-2024: Amendment**

- (a) The Members' Allowances Scheme for 2023-2024 received initial approval by the General Purposes Committee at its meeting on 22 February 2023 and was formally adopted by Council on 8 March 2023. Such a scheme can be amended in year.
- (b) Options to amend the allowances scheme had been proposed by both Groups. The proposals were to enable a Special Responsibility Allowance (SRA) to be paid to an additional member of the Cabinet and it had also been proposed to create a second Opposition Deputy Leader post. It was noted that aside from these proposed changes the Allowances Scheme would continue to be based on the current scheme.
- (c) The Committee considered the proposals, and it was confirmed that that the Members Allowance budget was sufficient to meet the revised financial commitments for 2023-24, as set out in the proposed scheme. The Committee noted that changing the number of SRAs payable to Cabinet Members and Opposition Deputy Leaders did not mean that these posts had to be appointed to.

### **Recommendation:**

That Full Council approve the Amended Members' Allowances Scheme for 2023-2024 as set out in the report we considered which includes amending the number of SRAs payable to Cabinet Members from six to seven and Deputy Leaders of the Opposition from one to two.

David Boothroyd, Chair

### **Background Papers**

Appendix 1 - Report to General Purposes Committee (21.06.23).

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