

REPORT OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE ON 24 FEBRUARY 2016

Present: Councillor Tim Mitchel (Chairman), Robert Davis, MBE, DL (Vice-Chairman), David Boothroyd and Melvyn Caplan

1. **Members' Allowances Scheme 2016/17**

- (a) We have agreed, for recommendation to the full Council, the Members' Allowances Scheme with effect from 1 April 2016. The scheme is broadly similar to the current scheme in that it is weighted towards duties actually undertaken. We have had regard to the views of the Independent Remuneration Panel in making our recommendation. At the request of the Chief Whip of the Minority Party we are recommending a minor increase by one the number of Minority Party Group Members who receives a Special Responsibility Allowance for sitting on Planning Application Committees. We have also agreed that one additional Special Responsibility Allowance be paid to a Planning Applications Committee panel member as nominated by the Chief Whip of the Majority Party.
- (b) The report we considered is attached as Appendix E.

We recommend: That the Members Allowances Scheme attached to the report at Appendix E be approved, amended as set out in paragraph 1(a) above, to be effective from 1 April 2016.

Tim Mitchell, Chairman

Background Documents

Reports and Minutes: General Purposes Committee: 24.2.2016

Note by the Head of Committee and Governance Services

The report of the General Purposes Committee containing the remaining items of business which require a decision of the Council will be reported to the meeting of the Council on Wednesday 27 April 2016.