

Report of the General Purposes Committee held on 8 June 2022

Present: Councillor David Boothroyd (Chair), Aicha Less, Matt Noble and Paul Swaddle

1. Members' Allowance Scheme 2022-2023: Amendment

- (a) The Scheme for the current municipal year was approved by the full Council on the 22 February 2022 upon recommendation from the General Purposes Committee.
- (b) The proposed scheme, effective from 1 July 2022 for 2022-2023, which we considered (see report attached as Appendix A) and recommend has been prepared on the basis of the current scheme and reflects the uplift in allowances of 1.75% in line with the salary increase for Council staff agreed by the National Joint Council for Local Government Services. Following the local elections held in May 2022 the scheme has also been amended to reflect the reduction in the total number of Councillors from 60 to 54. As in previous years regard has been given to the findings and recommendations detailed in the report of the London Council's Independent Panel on the Remuneration of Councillors which was last published in 2022.
- (c) In considering the proposals we have noted the views of both political parties of the council. During our debate we agreed that it was justifiable for the one-off IT allowance to be increased by £250 to £1,250. This allowance had not been increased for a significant period of time and an increase in the IT allowance would help support those members requesting it in their roles.

Recommendation:

That Full Council:

1. Approve the Members' Allowances Scheme, as amended, for 2022-2023 as set out in Appendix A.
2. Approve a £250 increase in the IT allowance to a total of £1,250.

David Boothroyd, Chair

Background Papers

Appendix 1 - Report to General Purposes Committee (08.06.22).