

Present: Councillors Boyce (Chair), Rosenstiel (Vice-Chair), Marchant-Daisley, Benstead and Brierley

Officers Present

Chief Executive – Antoinette Jackson
Director of Resources – David Horspool
Head of Corporate Strategy – Andrew Limb
Head of Legal Services – Simon Pugh
Democratic Services Manager – Gary Clift
Electoral Services Manager – Vicky Breeding
Support Services Manager – Karl Tattam
Committee Manager – Martin Whelan

Also Present

Leader of the Council

FOR ADOPTION BY THE COUNCIL

12/58/CIV Members Allowances 2013/14

The committee received a report from the Democratic Services Manager regarding the Members Allowances Scheme for 2013/14.

The committee made the following comments on the report.

- i. It was agreed that references to obsolete technology and associated peripherals such as fax and fax rolls should be deleted from the scheme.
- ii. It was agreed that the provisions to withhold allowances partially or fully were no longer valid as it formed part of the former standards regime, so should be deleted.
- iii. Clarification was requested on the basis for calculating the basic allowance, and whether this was based on the principle of the living wage. It was also suggested that the current level of allowances could put off potential councillors from

standing for election. The concern was acknowledged, but it was agreed that the existing allowances were at a low level, and without external intervention such as a national allowances scheme, it would be difficult for the council to make significant changes.

- iv. Officers agreed to investigate why travel warrants for members were encouraged rather than reclaiming the cost via expenses.

Resolved (Nem Com) to recommend to the Council:

- i. That the current Members Allowances Scheme subject to the small amendments in i. and .ii above be continued for the 2013/14 municipal year.