

Report for: Annual Council – 20 May 2019

Title: Financial statement of allowances paid to Members 2018/19

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Ward(s) affected: All

Report for Key/

Non Key Decision: Non Key Decision

1. Describe the issue under consideration

1.1 To note the end of year statement for 2018/19 of allowances paid to Members.

2. Cabinet Member Introduction

N/A

3. Recommendations

3.1 That the allowances paid to each Member, as set out at Appendix 1, be noted.

4. BACKGROUND

4.1 The Council Meeting on 18 March 2018 approved a updated scheme for the payment of members' allowances for 2018/19. The scheme was originally based on the findings of an Independent Panel commissioned by the ALG and a review of the Members Allowance scheme carried out by the Standards Committee between 2017/2018.

4.2 The scheme is made in accordance with the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003. The regulations indicate that agreement and adoption of the scheme is the responsibility of full Council and will continue to be so within any new arrangements set out in the Constitution which the Council is required to adopt under the Local Government Act 2000.

4.3 This report indicates the amounts paid to Members in 2018/19, as detailed at Appendix 1.

4.4 The allowances that can be paid include:

- basic allowance
- special responsibility allowance
- childcare and dependent carers' allowance
- travel (outside M25 area only)

4.5 Arrangements must be made for publication of the total amount paid to each member, including basic, special responsibility and childcare/dependent

carers' allowance, after the end of the year to which the scheme relates. These are set out for 2018/19 in Appendix 1.

5. Comments of the Chief Finance Officer and Financial Implications

5.1 The Chief Financial Officer confirms that the allowances paid during 2018/19 were within the budget provision for the year.

6. Comments of the Assistant Director of Corporate Governance & Monitoring Officer and Legal Implications

6.1 All payments made are in accordance with the Members Allowances Scheme approved annually by the Council.

7. Use of Appendices

7.1 Appendix 1 – Statement of Members' Allowances 2018/19

8. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

8.1 Background documents:

- Appointments to Committees and Members' Allowances Scheme 2018/19
- Appointments to Committees and Members' Allowances Scheme 2017/18

8.2 The background papers are located at River Park House, 225 High Road, Wood Green, London N22 8HQ.

8.3 To inspect them or to discuss this report further, please contact Ayshe Simsek on 0208 489 2929.