

North East Derbyshire District Council**Council****2 March 2015****Members' Allowances****Report No GMDMO/1/15/MK of the Governance Manager
and Deputy Monitoring Officer**

This report is public

Purpose of the Report

- To advise of the Members' Allowance Scheme for 2015/16.

1 Report Details

- 1.1 In accordance with the provisions in the Local Authorities (Members Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003, the Council is required to make its Members Allowance Scheme before the beginning of the 2015/2016 financial year.
- 2.2 A Scheme cannot be made or amended without the authority having regard to the recommendations of an Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP). The only change to the Scheme made in the past year has been the 2.2% increase applied to all allowances in line with the increase in employee salaries. The indexing of increases to allowances in line with increases in staff pay is not an amendment under the legislation so does not need to be referred to the IRP.
- 2.3 The table below is the proposed level of allowances for the year from 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2016:-

<i>Allowance</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Leader of the Council	£17,776.67
Deputy Leader of the Council	£12,773.98
Cabinet Member	£8,147.38
Leader of Main Opposition Group	£4,914.80
Chair of Scrutiny Committee	£3,889.73
Vice Chair of Scrutiny Committee	£1,293.85
Chair of Standards Committee	£3,889.73
Vice Chair of Standards Committee	£1,293.85
Chair of Planning Committee	£7,779.46
Vice Chair of Planning Committee	£1,293.85
Chair of Council *	£4,914.80
Vice Chair of Council *	£817.60
Basic Allowance *	£5,171.32
Co-opted Members Allowance*	£516.11

* Denotes not a special responsibility allowance.

NB: Where a Member is entitled to two or more SRAs then only the highest will be payable (except for Chair's and Vice-Chair's allowance).

2 Conclusions and Reasons for Recommendation

2.1 To comply with the requirements of legislation.

3 Consultation and Equality Impact

3.1 None.

4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

4.1 None.

5 Implications

5.1 Finance and Risk Implications

The financial implications of this report have been taken into account in the budget process.

5.2 Legal Implications including Data Protection

The Local Authorities (Members Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003 sets out the statutory principles governing the creation of Members Allowance Schemes and Independent Remuneration Panels.

5.3 Human Resources Implications

None.

6 Recommendations

6.1 That the Members' Allowance Scheme for the year 2015/16 be implemented with effect from 1 April 2015 in accordance with the details set out in this report.

6.2 That the Members' Allowance Scheme contained within the Council's Constitution be updated to reflect the changes made.

7 Decision Information

Is the decision a Key Decision? (A Key Decision is one which results in income or expenditure to the Council of £50,000 or more or which has a significant impact on two or more District wards)	No
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District Wards Affected	N/A
Links to Corporate Plan priorities or Policy Framework	None

8 **Document Information**

Appendix No	Title
N/A	
Background Papers (These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when preparing the report. They must be listed in the section below. If the report is going to Cabinet (NEDDC) or Executive (BDC) you must provide copies of the background papers)	
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