

Record of an officer making an executive decision



Name of officer and title	Bill Ashton (Democratic Manager), after consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Director responsible for finance.
Subject matter:	Members' Allowances (increase)
Date of decision:	18 April, 2018.
Decision:	That Members' Allowances be increased by 2% with effect from 1 April, 2018.
Reasons for decision:	<p>The Council's Scheme for the Payment of Members' Allowances authorises the Democratic Manager, after consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Director responsible for Finance, to increase Members' Allowances by the rate of CPI as at 31 December the previous calendar year or by the percentage increase agreed for staff, whichever is the lesser. The rate of CPI as at 31 December, 2017 was 3.1% and the staff increase for 2018/19 was 2%. Members' Allowances could therefore also be increased by 2%.</p> <p>The Leader and the Director responsible for Finance agreed that this increase should be applied for 2018/2019 in accordance with the Council's scheme. This was the first increase since the scheme had been agreed by the Independent Remuneration Panel in 2015.</p>
Alternative options considered	Not to increase Members' Allowances.
Any conflict of interest declared by a Cabinet Member who is consulted and any dispensations granted to them:	None.
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