

1.     **REPORT TITLE**                     **Scheme of Member Allowances**
- Submitted by:**                     **(Democratic Services Manager)**
- Portfolio:**                         **(Finance and Resources)**
- Ward(s) affected:**                 **(All)**

**Purpose of the Report**

For Council to confirm the current scheme of Member Allowances for the Municipal Year 2015/2016

**Recommendations**

That the current scheme of Member Allowances be retained for the Municipal Year 2015/16.

1.     **Background**

At its meeting on 15 April 2015 the Council resolved to withdraw from the agenda an item on Member allowances.

Under the provisions of the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003 the Council must before the beginning of each year, agree a scheme which provides for the payment of an allowance to each member of an authority. The amount of such an allowance must be the same for each member (basic allowance). Such a scheme may also provide for a Special Responsibility allowance to such members of the authority and these must also be specified in the scheme.

It is therefore recommended to ensure that the Council's scheme of Member allowances remains compliant that the Council confirms that the current scheme of allowances as set out in Appendix 1 is retained for the Municipal Year 2015/16.

**List of Appendices**

Current Scheme of Member Allowances