



COUNCIL MEETING

17 March 2016

**INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL REVIEW OF
MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES SCHEME**

Jane Robinson, Chief Executive

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. This report proposes that Council approves the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel following a review of the Members' Allowances Scheme.
2. The Council is required, under the Local Authorities (Members' allowances) (England) Regulations 2003, to provide a members' allowances scheme, which must include a basic allowance payable to all members and may provide for the following:
 - Special Responsibility Allowance
 - Childcare and Dependent Carers' Allowances
 - Travelling and Subsistence Allowances
 - Co-optees' Allowance
3. The Independent Remuneration Panel has reviewed the scheme in its entirety; interviewed a variety of councillors and considered all comments put forward by them. The Panel also had regard to allowances paid in the other Tyne and Wear authorities.
4. The Cabinet has fully considered all the facts and issues in the attached report and took relevant advice before formulating their recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION

5. Council approve the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel.