

Council

26 January 2015

Supplementary Agenda

4. Reports to Council for Decision

(f) Members Allowances

Cabinet was advised that Council, at its meeting on the 22 February 2005, had agreed that, in future, Members Allowances would normally be annually index linked to the Local Government Staff Pay Award. Council, at its meeting on the 27 August 2009, had re-affirmed this decision to index link the Members Allowances to the Staff Pay Award.

The Leader reported that the last time Council had agreed to an increase to Members Allowances had been in 2009/10. No increases had been approved since then.

Cabinet were advised that the Local Government Staff Pay Award had recently been implemented with effect from the 1 January 2015 with an increase of 2.2%, and Cabinet was asked to consider whether Members Allowances should be increased in line with previous Council policy. Members were advised that provision had been included in the budget for this increase.

On reference from Cabinet, Council is recommended not to approve an increase of 2.2% to Members Allowances.