

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on 6 June 2023 commencing at 7.00 pm

Present: Cllr. Esler (Chairman)

Cllrs. Bayley, Clayton and Streatfeild

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Barnes, Penny Cole and Scott

Cllr. Manston were also present.

1. Minutes

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on 2 February 2023 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were none.

3. Actions from the previous meeting

There were none.

4. Review of the Scheme for Members Allowances

The Monitoring Officer presented the report, which set out the recommendations of the Joint Independent Remuneration Panel (JIRP), following its four-yearly review of the Council's Members Allowance scheme.

The Committee suggested that a Working Group be established to consider the report. Members discussed how the Working Group would be able to receive evidence from other Councillors and have further in-depth meetings with the Members of the JIRP if necessary.

It was moved by the Chairman that a cross party Members Allowances Working Group be formed from three Members of the Governance Committee to consider the report of the JIRP and recommend a course of action based on the report of the Monitoring Officer to the next meeting of the Governance Committee.

The motion was put to the vote and it was carried.

It was confirmed that Cllr Bayley, Cllr Scott, and Cllr Clayton would attend the Working Group.

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5. Work Plan

The Committee discussed the possibility that the Boundary Commission report would be presented at the next meeting.

It was moved by Cllr Streatfeild, and seconded by Cllr Clayton, that Substitutions be added to the work plan to be discussed at the next meeting. The Committee discussed how allowing substitutes could better support Councillors with caring responsibilities, and also how it may devalue the responsibility of Council work. Members who wished to learn from Committees they were not appointed to could already observe meetings.

The motion was put to the vote and it was lost.

The Work Plan was noted with the following additions:

30 January 2024

- Report of the Members Allowance Working Group

THE MEETING WAS CONCLUDED AT 7:19PM

CHAIRMAN