

**Council  
Wednesday, 18 May**

**Decisions**

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, 18 May 2022. The wording used does not necessarily reflect the actual wording that will appear in the minutes.

**3 Minutes of the last meeting**

Approved.

**4 Returning Officer's Report**

Noted.

**5 Proposals for the Election of the Mayor for 2022/23**

Councillor David Howarth was elected the Mayor of the Borough for 2022/23.

**6 Proposals for the Election of the Deputy Mayor for 2022/23**

Councillor Chris Lomax was elected Deputy Mayor of the Borough for 2022/23.

**8 Appointment of Deputy Leader and members of the Cabinet**

Noted.

**9 Appointments to Committees, Panels and Working Groups for 2022/23**

Approved.

**10 Appointment of Community Hub Chairs and Vice Chairs for 2022/23**

Approved.

**11 Appointment to outside bodies for 2022/23**

Approved.

**12 Council Meetings in 2022/23**

Noted.

## 13 Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel

Recommendations approved

i) Annual Basic Allowances

That the basic allowance for Members should be £4,911.01.

ii) Special Responsibility Allowances

That there should be Special Responsibility Allowances for the following roles at the level of remuneration indicated:

BODY	OFFICE*	ALLOWANCE
		£
Council	Leader	15368.83
Council	Deputy Leader	4,948.75
Cabinet	Member	6,412.27
Scrutiny Committee	Chairman	3,753.72
Planning Committee	Chairman	5,495.76
Standards Committee	Chairman	572.55
Licensing and Public Safety Committee	Chairman	<b>3,753.72</b>
My Neighbourhood Area	Chairman	3,753.72
Governance Committee	Chairman	3,753.72
Minority Group	Leader of largest Opposition Party	4,948.74
<b>Deputy Leader Minority Group</b>	<b>Deputy Leader Largest Opposition Party</b>	<b>£1500</b>
<b>Leader of Small Group</b>	<b>Small Group = 10% of total no. of councillors</b>	<b>£1000</b>
<b>Lead Member</b>	<b>Roles as agreed by Council</b>	<b>£1500</b>

iii) Co-Optees Allowances

That Co-optees should not be paid an allowance, but be paid reasonable out of pocket expenses.

iv) Dependents Carers' Allowance (Children Or Dependents)

To retain the arrangements under the current Scheme, which are that a dependent carers' allowance be paid when expenditure is actually incurred for attendance at Council and Committee meetings and the allowance be actual cost up to a maximum of the Carers Allowance. The allowances are only payable subject to the production of receipts and where care is provided by a registered social care provider, nursery or childminder.

That all members of the Council should be made aware of this aspect of the Scheme and clearly visible within the Scheme.

v) Travel & Subsistence Allowances

That an annual allowance of £ 407.57 be paid for out of pocket expenses which is uprated in accordance with the Consumer Price Index as per the current Scheme.

vi) Green Travel Allowance

That the Lead Member for Climate Change be requested to explore the possibility of incorporating an incentive into the Scheme to promote "green" travel. The Panel supports and endorses such amendment to the Scheme and that it be recommended to Council for approval prior to the next review.

vii) Suspension of a Councillor

That in the event of a Councillor being suspended the payment of the allowance should be suspended for the same period.

viii) Other Recommendations

a) That the Basic Allowance and the Special Responsibility Allowances continue to be updated in line with National Joint Council Pay Award for employees and that the Travel and Subsistence Allowances be uprated on an annual basis with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April in line with the Consumer Price Index (CPI) as published for the preceding February.

b) That the Lead Member allowance be backdated to the date of Council the roles were first created;

c) That an Independent Remuneration Panel be convened every four years to coincide with Council's electoral cycle in order that it can advise on any necessary changes to the Scheme or on those occasions when there are any substantial changes to the Council's decision making structure.

Additional recommendation "to request the Independent Remuneration Panel reviews and further comments on the rationale for the Deputy Leader of the Opposition receiving a special responsibility allowance yet Vice Chairs of statutory committees don't.

#### **14 Leisure investment in South Ribble Leisure Centres**

1. That Council approves the proposed scope of works identified for investment into the Council's leisure centres as set out below in paragraph 20, which will complement the decarbonisation work already approved and delegates further changes or additions to the scope to the relevant Executive Member.
2. That Council approves that a sum of £5,836,200 is reallocated from the £19m capital budget originally set aside for a new leisure centre to fund the proposed investments into the Council's leisure centres. This is in addition to the £775k already approved at April
3. Council. The remaining c£12.4m will be removed from the capital programme.
4. That Council notes the proposed approach to procurement and that a report will come to June Cabinet seeking approval for the procurement strategy.

#### **15 Exclusion of Press and Public**

Approved.

#### **16 Leyland Town Deal Land Acquisitions**

To note the update provided.