

THANET DISTRICT COUNCIL

RECORD OF OFFICER DECISION

Name of Officer:	Chris Blundell, Director of Corporate Resources & S151 Officer
Directorate:	Corporate Services
Relevant Portfolio Holder:	Councillor Rob Yates, Cabinet Member for Corporate Services
Date of Decision	15 April 2024
Subject of decision:	Approval of the 2024/25 Councillor Allowances Scheme
Call-in Deadline:	None

Decision made:

With the EKJIRP at its meeting on 18 March 2024, not having made any amendments to the allowances scheme agreed at the Full Council meeting of the 22 February 2024 (attached at Annex 1) the S.151 Officer is exercising his delegated authority to finalise and agree the amended scheme. These changes will be backdated to 1 April 2024.

Reasons for the Decision:

The S.151 Officer has delegated power to agree the scheme of members allowances if there are no recommendations after review by the East Kent Joint Independent Remuneration Panel (EKJIRP). This avoids reports that only need noting being sent for consideration by the Full Council.

Alternative options considered and why they were rejected when the decision was made:

The s.151 Officer could not implement the decision of Council, but this would be against the wishes of the Council and there are no legal reasons for the s151 Officer not to implement the decision of Council.

Details of any conflict of interest declared by any executive Member who has been consulted by the officer making the decision and of any dispensation granted to that executive Member by the Head of Paid Service:

None

Please attach any report considered when making the decision (if applicable):

Annex 1 - Revised Members' Allowances Scheme 24/25

If you are aware this decision relates to a previous decision, please advise who took that decision and approximately when the decision was taken:

Full Council 22 February 2024

Statement if decision is an urgent one and therefore not subject to call-in:

None