

Report No.	19-105
<b>Decision Required</b>	

## CHILDCARE ALLOWANCE - DETERMINATION 2019-20

### 1. PURPOSE

- 1.1. This item presents for discussion, clause 14 Childcare allowance of the Local Government Members (2019-20) Determination 2019.

### 2. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Council:

- a. receives the information contained in Report No. 19-105 and Annex.
- b. agrees to approve, or not approve payment of a Childcare allowance as per the 2019-20 Determination.
- c. notes that if approved, the necessary provisions will be included in the Councillors' Allowances and Reimbursements Policy for Council adoption at its 27 August 2019 meeting.

### 3. FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 3.1. Any budget for Childcare payment allowances has not been included in the Annual Plan 2019-20. However, adoption of this allowance is not expected to have a significant effect on the existing Members' Allowances budget.

### 4. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- 4.1. This is a public item and therefore Council may deem this sufficient to inform the public.

### 5. SIGNIFICANT BUSINESS RISK IMPACT

- 5.1. There is no significant business associated with details in this report.

### 6. BACKGROUND

- 6.1. The Remuneration Authority sets allowances for the Chair and elected members of Council. In the Local Government Members (2019-20) Determination 2019, provision has been made for Council to decide whether or not to pay a contribution towards childcare to Elected Members. The allowance is capped and is subject to certain conditions outlined in clause 14 of the determination (see Annex A).

### 7. TIMELINE / NEXT STEPS

- 7.1. If Council resolves to implement a Childcare allowance, then management will include the necessary provisions in the Councillors' Allowances and Reimbursements Policy for Council adoption at its 27 August 2019 meeting.
- 7.2. If approved by Council, the Childcare allowance payments will take effect from 1 July 2019.

**8. SIGNIFICANCE**

- 8.1. This is not a significant decision according to the Council's Policy on Significance and Engagement.

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**ANNEXES**

- A Clause 14 Childcare Allowance