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Key Decision – No

HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Title/Subject Matter: Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority – Members’ Allowances Scheme

Meeting/Date: Council – 16th July 2025

Executive Portfolio: Executive Leader – Councillor S J Conboy

Report by: Elections and Democratic Services Manager

Ward(s) affected: All

Executive Summary:

The Council’s current Members’ Allowances Scheme was approved by Council on 29th March 2025 and came into effect from 1st April 2023. As part of this Scheme, the Council agreed to implement members allowances for District Council Members appointed to Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority (CPCA).

Notification was received from the CPCA at their Board Meeting, Members agreed to recommendations contained in a report by their Independent Remuneration Panel confirming that the CPCA would pay allowances for constituent authority Members for specific Committees.

Recommendation:

The Council is

RECOMMENDED

to note the removal of the allowances paid by the District Council to Members appointed to sit on the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny and Audit and Governance Committees and update the Members’ Allowances Scheme accordingly.

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to update Members on changes agreed by Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority (CPCA) to allowances paid to constituent authority Members who sit on their Overview and Scrutiny and Audit and Governance Committees.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At a Board meeting of the CPCA held on 4th June 2025, consideration was given to a report of their Independent Remuneration Panel and recommendations were agreed to introduce the payment of allowances to constituent authority Members who sit on the Overview and Scrutiny and Audit and Governance Committees.
- 2.2 As a result, these Committee Members will receive an annual allowance of £2,176 (with higher allowances for Chair/Vice-Chair positions and rapporteurs, and substitutes paid on an ad-hoc basis). Travel and subsistence costs will still be submitted for claim and payment by the District Council.
- 2.3 Removal of these allowances paid through the District Council's Members' Allowances Scheme will result in a saving of £3,234 (£1,078 x 3)

3. TIMETABLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION

- 3.1 Implementation of payment by the CPCA for constituent authority Members was with effect from the date of decision on 4th June 2025.

4. LINK TO HUNTINGDONSHIRE FUTURES, THE CORPORATE PLAN, STRATEGIC PRIORITIES AND/OR CORPORATE OBJECTIVES *[\(See Corporate Plan\)](#) [\(See Huntingdonshire Futures\)](#)*

- 4.1 This aligns with Priority 3: Doing our core work well as set out in the Corporate Plan 2023 to 2028.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Council is required to consider any amendments or changes to the Members' Allowances Scheme currently in force and can be amended at any time during operation of the current Scheme.

6. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 If the proposed changes are made to remove the allowances paid to constituent Members appointed to sit on the Committees, this would result in an overall annual saving to the Members' Allowances budget on £3,234.

7. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDED DECISIONS

- 7.1 Part 6 of the Council's Constitution contains the Council's approved Members' Allowances Scheme and as a result of changes agreed by the

CPCA at their Board meeting on 4th June 2025, it is necessary to update the current Members' Allowances Scheme.

8. BACKGROUND PAPERS

4th June 2025 - Combined Authority Board – Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel

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