

# **Merton Council Council**

**13 September 2023**

## **Supplementary Agenda 4**

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- Liberal Democrat Amendment to Item 10 – Members Allowances Scheme

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## Council meeting – 13 September 2023

### From the Liberal Democrat group

#### Proposed Amendment - Members Allowance Scheme – Agenda item 10

Proposed by Cllr Matthew Willis

Seconded by Cllr John Oliver

#### **To add the following amendments to recommendations at A:**

A. That the Council approve the recommendations of the Standards and General Purposes Committee set out in this report **as amended below**:

(i) that the basic allowance should be increased to £12,014 in line with the recommendation of the 2022 Independent Remuneration Panel;

(ii) to agree to award the **additional** Special Responsibility Allowances ~~set out in appendix A~~ paragraph 2.16 relating to the Mayor but not those listed in paragraph 2.17 relating to the political roles of Group Whips and Deputy Leader of the Opposition.

(iii) subject to (ii) above, to agree the remaining Special Responsibility Allowances set out in appendix A, but request that Cabinet bring forward proposals to reduce the maximum size of Cabinet to limit the additional expenditure arising from the 176% increase in the Special Responsibility Allowance for Cabinet Members.

~~(iii)~~ (iv) that Council reaffirms the linking of future allowances to the annual staff pay award, such increases to be applied automatically and that in future the Scheme be approved as part of the annual budget;

~~(iv)~~ (v) that the Licensing Committee chair should also be the chair of the Licensing Sub committee meetings convened for the purpose of determining individual licensing applications

~~(iv)~~ (vi) that the new allowances should apply with immediate effect (as of 13 September 2023), but will not be backdated to 1 April 2023

**Councillor Matthew Willis**

**Councillor John Oliver**

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