

Council – 25 April 2024

Decision note

Item	Decision
1. Elect Person to Preside	Not applicable as the Mayor was in attendance.
2. Apologies	Councillors, G. Singh Sohal, A. Hussain, A. Underhill, V. Waters, P.Gill, A. Nazir, F. Hassan
3. Minutes	That the minutes of the meetings held on 22 nd February, 2024 and 18 th March, 2024 be approved as a correct record.
4. Declarations of interest	None.
5. Local Government (Access to Information) Act, 1985	There were no items in private session.
6. Mayor's announcements	Received.
7. Petitions	Councillor Worrall – To relocate the 5G mast on Parkstone Close
8. Questions a) From the public b) From Members of the Council	Question deferred to a future meeting. The questions from members were responded to. With the consent of Council, the question submitted by Councillor Worrall was withdrawn.
9. Mayor's use of authority to waive call in process – Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme	Noted.
10. Independent Remuneration Panel	New Member special responsibility allowances were approved as follows:- 1. Cabinet Support Assistants (CSA) A special responsibility allowance of 10% of whatever the Portfolio Holder SRA was agreed. The current portfolio holder SRA is £18,461 pa therefore the CSA SRA will be £1,846 for the 2023-24 municipal year. 2. Leaders Special Responsibility Allowance

	<p>It was agreed that the Leaders SRA be increased by £2,000 a year to reflect additional responsibilities undertaken for the West Midlands Combined Authority.</p> <p>This means the Leaders SRA will increase to £38,647 (previously £36,647). This £2,000 payment be backdated to 1 April 2023.</p> <p>Other allowances</p> <p>3. Independent Chair of the Audit Committee</p> <p>It was agreed that the Independent Chair of the Audit Committee should receive a SRA of £5,882. This payment is backdated to 1 April 2023.</p> <p>4. Independent Members of Standards and Audit Committees</p> <p>It was agreed that all independent members on these committees would receive £750. This payment is backdated to 1 April 2023.</p> <p>The £750 payment would not apply to the Chair if they receive the £5,882 payment.</p> <p>Annual Uplift</p> <p>It was agreed that the annual updating of Member Allowances should remain linked to the employees' pay award except where council staff agree a lower percentage rise, freeze or reduction. In circumstances, where the employees' pay award is a fixed value, rather than percentage, the annual updating will be actual percentage of increase received at scale point 43.</p>
11. Corporate Parenting Board Annual Report	Noted
12. Scrutiny Annual Report	Noted
13. Portfolio holder briefings	<p>The following portfolio holders gave a presentation and answered questions from members thereon: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Wellbeing, Leisure and Public Spaces – Councillor Flint b. Customer Engagement – Councillor Ali c. Street Pride – Councillor Murphy
14. *Annual report of Barr Beacon Trust Management Committee	Noted

*Council acting in its capacity as Corporate Trustee	
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