

8. SCHEME OF ELECTED MEMBERS REMUNERATION, ALLOWANCES AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES

The Council Executive considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Corporate Services seeking approval for the adoption of a Scheme of Elected Members Remuneration, Allowances and Reimbursement of Expenses for 2019/20.

The council's Code of Corporate Governance required the Scheme of Elected Members Remuneration, Allowances and Reimbursement of Expenses (the Scheme) to be reviewed annually by committee.

The Scheme was based on the Local Government (Scotland) Act 2004 (Remuneration) Regulations 2007 and Amendment Regulations 2008, and the Local Government (Allowances and Expenses) (Scotland) Regulation 2007 and Amendment Regulations 2018 and the Finance Act 2018.

Elected member remuneration was set by the Scottish Government. The Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004 (Remuneration) Amendment Regulations 2019, were laid before the Scottish Parliament on 1 February 2019 and were due to come into force on 1 April 2019. These regulations amended the Local Government (Scotland) Act 2004 (Remuneration) Regulations 2007 and substitute increased annual amounts of local authority remuneration to members. The changes that would come into effect from 1 April 2019 were set out in the report.

The council's Code of Corporate Governance required the Scheme of Elected Members Remuneration, Allowances and Reimbursement of Expenses (the scheme) to be reviewed annually. The only other change proposed to the scheme was the inclusion of training offered free of charge by bodies, such as the Improvement Service and Audit Scotland as agreed by Council Executive on 11 September 2018.

The Council Executive was asked to adopt the revised Scheme of Elected Member Remuneration, Allowances and Reimbursement of Expenses for 2018-19 as set out in Appendix 1 attached to the report.

Decision

To approve the terms of the report.