Wiltshire Council

Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee

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Overview and Scrutiny (OS) Member Remuneration 2016/17

Purpose

1. To report on the application of the OS Remuneration scheme for 2016/17.

Background

- 2. The current Overview and Scrutiny Member Remuneration scheme was agreed in April 2014 and focuses on leading OS positions, such as the chairs of task groups and representatives on project boards.
- 3. Following consultation with the OS chairman and vice-chairman, the scheme was applied in the same way for 2016/17.

Application

- 4. The following activities have been considered eligible for remuneration within the scheme for the 2016/17 municipal year:
 - Chairing active task groups (including standing task groups)
 - Leading rapid scrutiny exercises
 - Vice-chairing select committees that do not attract an SRA
 - Representation on active project boards

The current standing task groups are as follows: Financial Planning, Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) and Safeguarding.

- 5. Applying the scheme in this way yields a total of 17 qualifying activities. The fund is £15,000 and, as in previous years, has been divided by the number of qualifying activities, with a fixed payment (1/10th) to be allocated to 4 key positions, and the balance divided among the others. The 4 key positions are:
 - Vice-chair of Children's Select Committee
 - Vice-chair of Environment Select Committee
 - Vice-chair of Health Select Committee
 - Chairman of Financial Planning Task Group
- 6. The previous Management Committee Chairman authorised these payments under the scheme (as he is entitled to do) and these were included in the

- council's May payroll. The <u>appendix</u> to this report shows the detail of this allocation for information.
- 7. It should be noted that the OS Remuneration Scheme will be included in a wider review of the council's Members' Allowances Scheme to be undertaken by the Independent Remuneration Panel in September.

Recommendation

- 8. To note the allocation of the OS Remuneration fund for 2016/17 as detailed in the appendix.
- 9. To note that the Scheme will be included in the wider review of councillors' allowances scheduled for September.

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Appendices

Appendix A Schedule of OS Remuneration Scheme allocations 2016/17