

Wiltshire Council

Council

11 July 2017

Notice of Motion No. 2 – Members’ Allowances

Councillors Gavin Grant and Brian Mathew

To consider the following motion submitted in accordance with the constitution:

Background

“Council notes that in 2013 allowances for the Leader, Deputy Leader, Cabinet Members, Portfolio Holders and Chairs of Committees were raised by 22% at a significant cost to Wiltshire residents.

This rise took place at a time when salaries for Wiltshire Council staff and other public sector workers were subject to a fixed 1% pay increase, along with non-portfolio holding councillors who received a single 1% pay increase.

To this end, some members have questioned whether it is appropriate to return the Leader, Deputy Leader, Cabinet Members, Portfolio holders and Chairs of Committees to the 2013 levels prior to those increases having been made plus the addition of the one off 1% increases received by other Councillors.

Pursuant to the Local Authorities (Members Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003 before the Council could consider any amendment to the scheme it must refer the matter to the Independent Review Panel”

Motion

To refer the scheme to the Independent Remuneration Panel to report and make recommendations on any changes to the scheme including drawing the attention of the Panel to the background above for consideration as part of that review.