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**Report of Principal Corporate Governance Officer**

**Report to Leader of Council**

**Date: 1<sup>st</sup> November 2016**

**Subject: Amendments to Executive Arrangements**

Are specific electoral wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, access to information procedure rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

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**Summary of main issues**

1. At the Annual Meeting of Council on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2016, the Leader presented details of her Executive Arrangements to Council. Amendments to the arrangements which the Leader approved in August were presented to Council in September 2016.
2. The Leader now wishes to alter the arrangements in respect of support to Executive Members.

**Recommendations**

3. The Leader is requested to approve the amendments proposed to Section 3B(c): Support to Executive Members, as shown in appendix A to this report, with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> November 2016

## **1 Purpose of this report**

- 1.1 This report sets out proposed amendments to the Leader's executive arrangements in accordance with the Leader's wishes.

## **2 Background information**

- 2.1 At the Annual Meeting of Council on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2016 the Leader presented her executive arrangements for the 2016/17 municipal year.

- 2.2 Rule 1.3 of the Executive and Decision Making Procedure Rules provides that

“The Leader may amend the scheme of delegation relating to executive functions at any time during the year... The amendments will take effect upon publication of the decision notice unless otherwise stated thereon. The Leader will present a report to the next ordinary meeting of the Council setting out the changes made by the Leader.”

- 2.3 It is therefore proposed that the amendments set out herein are reported to Full Council at its next meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2016.

## **3 Main issues**

### Support to Executive Members

- 3.1 Section 3B(c): Support to Executive Members sets out the names of those Members serving as Deputy or Support Executive Members.

- 3.2 The Members Allowances Scheme provides for the payment of allowances to both Deputy and Support Executive Members. Footnote 8 to the scheme provides that “The Leader may determine the number of Deputy and Support Executive Members provided that the allowances paid do not exceed the equivalent payment of 4 X Deputy and 9 X Support Executive Members plus 10%”.

- 3.3 The Principal Corporate Governance Officer is able to confirm that the proposed arrangements satisfy the requirements of the Members Allowances Scheme.

## **4 Corporate considerations**

### **4.1 Consultation and engagement**

- 4.1.1 The proposed amendments have been discussed with the Support Executive Members involved who are content with the proposals.

### **4.2 Equality and diversity / cohesion and integration**

- 4.2.1 There are no implications for this report.

### **4.3 Council policies and best council plan**

4.3.1 Publication of the Executive Arrangements within the constitution is in line with the Council's values particularly in relation to being "open, honest and trusted".

### **4.4 Resources and value for money**

4.4.1 The proposed amendments are in line with the budget for Deputy and Support Executive Members set out in the Members Allowances Scheme.

### **4.5 Legal Implications, access to information and call In**

4.5.1 As this report supports a decision of the Leader in relation to executive arrangements it will not be open to Call In.

### **4.6 Risk management**

4.6.1 There are no implications for this report.

## **5 Conclusions**

5.1 The recommended proposals set out the Leader's wishes in relation to support to Executive Members.

## **6 Recommendations**

6.1 The Leader is requested to approve the amendments proposed to Section 3B(c): Support to Executive Members, as shown in appendix A to this report, with effect from 1st November 2016

## **7 Background documents<sup>1</sup>**

7.1 None

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<sup>1</sup> The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.