



Subject:	Basic and Special Responsibility Allowances
Date:	23 <sup>rd</sup> March, 2018
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<b>Restricted Reports</b>	
Is this report restricted?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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After Committee Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
After Council Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
Some time in the future	<input type="checkbox"/>
Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>Call-in</b>	
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues</b>
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
2.1	The Committee is recommended to consider whether it wishes to apply the increase in the basic allowance from £14,200 per annum to £14,485 with effect from 1st April, 2018. The Committee is also recommended to consider whether it wishes to apply the revised allocation of the special responsibility allowances, as set out in Appendix 1, with effect from 1st April, 2018.

<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main report</b>
3.1	<u>Key Issues</u>
3.1.1	The Department for Communities issued a circular, LG 14/2016, which set out revised maximum limits for basic and special responsibility allowances with effect from 1st April, 2016 and 1st April, 2017.
3.1.2	The Committee, at its meeting in August 2016, agreed to apply the increase in the basic allowance from £14,200 per annum to £14,342 with effect from 1st April, 2016 and to agree the increase in the basic allowance to £14,485 with effect from 1st April, 2017. This represented an 1% increase for both the 2016 and 2017 years. However, the Council, at its meeting in September 2016, rejected that decision and agreed not to apply any increase in the basic and special responsibility allowances for 2016 and 2017.
3.1.3	The Committee is requested to consider whether it wishes to agree to the increase in the basic allowance to £14,485 with effect from 1 <sup>st</sup> April, 2018 and also to consider whether to apply the revised allocation of the special responsibility allowances, as set out in Appendix 1, with effect from 1st April, 2018.
3.2	<u>Financial &amp; Resource Implications</u>
3.2.1	The increased allowances can be met from within existing revenue budgets.
3.3	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u>
3.3.1	There are not any equality or good relations considerations associated with this report.