

## **WEST SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Councillor Allowances**

#### **1. Introduction**

In the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances (England) Regulations 2003 Part 5 Parish Councillors are entitled to receive an allowance and a decision regarding allowances is normally made at the Annual Parish Council.

#### **2. Report Details**

- 2.1** The allowances for 2017/18 were set at £1 per day £365 per municipal year for every Councillor with the exception of the Chair, who received double the allowance at £730 for the municipal year. The allowance was paid quarterly in arrears.
- 2.2** The allowance is only paid to elected Parish Councillors and not paid to those that have been co-opted.
- 2.3** An amount of £5,000 has been set aside for Councillor Allowances in the budget for 2018/19.
- 2.5** It is entirely a matter for each Councillor to decide whether they wish to receive their allowance.
- 2.6** When an allowance is claimed then any other expenses are normally only paid to Councillors that attend meetings or events outside of the parish. No additional expenses were claimed in 2017/18.

#### **3. Recommendations**

- 3.1** That the decision of the Parish Council is sought regarding the payment of allowances.
- 3.2** That the amount of the allowance for Councillors and the Chair be set.
- 3.3** That expenses only be paid to Councillors when representing West Swindon Parish Council outside of the parish.