

ELECTRIC VEHICLE MILEAGE

Council - 26 April 2022

Report of: Monitoring Officer

Status: For consideration

Also considered by:

- Governance Committee 13 April 2022

Key Decision: No

Executive Summary: This report seeks approval to amend the Constitution to reflect HMRC rates for mileage payments in respect of electric vehicles.

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Recommendation to Governance Committee: That it be recommended to Council that the Monitoring Officer be authorised to amend the Members' Allowance Scheme so as to reflect the HMRC rates for mileage payments in respect of electric vehicles.

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Reason for recommendation: To update the Constitution in the light of the growth in the availability of electric vehicles.

Introduction

- 1 The Members' Allowance Scheme will be reviewed by the Joint Independent Remuneration Panel in due course. Adjustments to the Scheme were last implemented in 2019.
- 2 In view of the Council's Net Zero ambitions, an increasing number of Officers and Members are considering electric vehicles for their transport.
- 3 In reaction to this, Council Officers will be paid at a mileage rate (where claimable) which reflects the HMRC level, currently set at 5p per mile.

Constitutional Provisions

- 4 The current mileage rates are set out in the Constitution at Appendix G (attached). This does not contain specific reference to electric vehicle mileage and so payments have been historically made at the 45p per mile

rate which is applicable to the more expensive to run petrol or diesel vehicles. This is not justified when taking into account the considerably cheaper cost of running an electric vehicle.

Other options Considered and/or rejected

The other option available is to make no change from the present arrangement.

Key Implications

Financial

At present there are few Members with electric vehicles. This is likely to increase over time, however the savings will not require in-year adjustments to the budget.

Legal Implications and Risk Assessment Statement.

None.

Equality Assessment

The decisions recommended through this paper have a remote or low relevance to the substance of the Equality Act. There is no perceived impact on end users.

Net Zero Implications

The decisions recommended through this paper have a remote or low relevance to the Council's ambition to be Net Zero by 2030. There is no perceived impact regarding either an increase or decrease in carbon emissions in the district, or supporting the resilience of the natural environment.

However, it should be noted that the Council must be able to react successfully working towards its Net Zero ambitions.

Conclusions

It is recommended that proposed adjustment to the Constitution be made.

Appendices

Appendix G of the Constitution.

Background Papers

None.

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