
REPORT TO:	Council	AGENDA ITEM:
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REPORT FROM:	Chief Executive	OPEN
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SUBJECT:	Consultation on Taxpayer-funded Pensions for Councillors and Other Elected Local Office Holders	REF:
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	All	TERMS OF REFERENCE:

1.0 Recommendations

1.1 Members recommend a response to be forwarded to the Department for Communities and Local Government on the consultation regarding the taxpayer-funded pensions for councillors and other elected local office holders.

1.2 Reason for Urgency

The views of Members are sought in order to respond accordingly to the consultation on 5 July 2013.

2.0 Purpose of Report

2.1 To inform Members of the consultation document and seek their views, to be forwarded to the Department for Communities and Local Government, as the Council's response to the consultation document relating to the taxpayer-funded pensions for councillors and other elected local office holders.

3.0 Detail

3.1 The consultation document attached as Appendix 1 sets out a period of statutory consultation on access by councillors and other elected local office holders in England to the taxpayer-funded Local Government Agency Scheme, which will come into effect from 1 April 2014. The document also includes contribution rates that should apply to any such persons that remain active members of the scheme. The document invites comments, with particular reference to chapter 3.

3.2 The consultation is part of the planned process of wider reform of the Local Government Pension Scheme that began with the commitment given in the Coalition government's programme to review the long term affordability and sustainability of taxpayer-funded pension schemes.

4.0 Financial Implications

None at this stage.

5.0 Corporate Implications

5.1 None at this stage.

6.0 Community Implications

6.1 None at this stage.

7.0 Conclusions

7.1 The document contains a series of questions aimed at facilitating discussion and Members are advised to consider the questions in order to formulate their response.

8.0 Background Papers

8.1 Consultation on the taxpayer-funded pensions for councillors and other elected local office holders, published by the Department for Communities and Local Government in April 2013.