

- 5.4 In discussing the duration of the Scheme if adopted, members considered that a period of 4 years should be applicable and supported the recommendation of the informal members' working group that the Standards Committee be authorised to monitor any unexpected economic or political impacts which may affect the duration of the Scheme and report accordingly to the Authority via the Resources, Audit and Performance Committee
- 5.5 In concluding the debate on this item, members noted that the recommendations of the Standards Committee would be referred to the RAPC meeting on 6 February 2023 for debate and onward recommendation to the Authority meeting on 23 March 2023 for a final decision.

Resolved, that

1. the draft Scheme of Allowances as set out in Annex 2 to the report be adopted from 1 April 2023, subject to the amendments set out below:
 - (a) The schedule of subsistence allowances as set out in Section 6 of the Scheme be brought into line with current costs and amended as follows:

Breakfast – change from £5.20 to £7.00
Lunch – change from £7.20 to £10.00
Tea – change from £2.85 to £4.00
Dinner – change from £9.00 to £15.00
Overnight stay – change from £90.00 to £120.00 per night
Incidental expenses – change from £4.20 per night, £16.80 per week to £5.00 per night, £20.00 per week
 - (b) The Chief Finance Officer to be authorised to monitor subsistence allowances and make periodic adjustments to the amounts to cater for inflation increases as necessary.
2. The current basic allowance of £2,132 pa be retained and linked to increases at the lowest percentage rate of any future staff pay awards
3. The duration of the Scheme, if adopted, be for a period of 4 years with the Standards Committee being authorised to monitor any unexpected economic or political impacts which may affect the duration of the Scheme and report accordingly to the Authority via the Resources, Audit and Performance Committee

Voting: Unanimous

6 **Date of next meeting**

6.1 To be advised

The meeting ended at 3.15 pm.

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Chairman

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Date