



Subject:	Revisions to the Scheme of Allowances 2022-23
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1.0	Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues
1.1	To seek approval to increase the maximum rate of Dependant's Carers' Allowance in line with the National Living Wage for 2022-23.
2.0	Recommendation
2.1	The Committee is recommended to approve the increase to the maximum rate of Dependents' Carers' Allowance as set out in the report, with effect from 1st April, 2022.

3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p data-bbox="277 226 424 255"><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p data-bbox="165 327 1489 658">3.1.1 The Department for Communities determines the maximum hourly rates of Dependant's Carers' Allowance for both standard care and specialised care. The rate for standard care is based on the hourly National Living Wage for age 25+, which will increase on 1st April, 2022 from the current rate of £8.91 per hour to £9.50 per hour. The rate for specialised care is double the rate for standard care. In addition, the Department for Communities sets the maximum monthly amounts for standard care and specialised care, capped at the equivalent of 52 hours per month.</p> <p data-bbox="165 730 1489 808">3.1.2 Accordingly, in line with the increase in the National Living Wage, the Committee is requested to agree to the amendments to the Scheme of Allowances as follows:</p> <p data-bbox="277 880 748 909"><u>“(iv) Dependants’ Carers’ Allowance</u></p> <ul data-bbox="325 981 1267 1066" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="325 981 1238 1010">• <i>Standard Care</i> £9.50 per hour limited to £494.00 per month <li data-bbox="325 1032 1267 1061">• <i>Specialist Care</i> £19.00 per hour limited to £988.00 per month” <p data-bbox="277 1133 788 1162"><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p data-bbox="165 1234 1473 1312">3.1.3 The increase to the maximum rates of each of the allowances has already been considered and can be met through existing budgets.</p> <p data-bbox="277 1384 1198 1413"><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p data-bbox="165 1485 1485 1514">3.1.4 There are not any Good Relations, Equality or Rural Needs issues associate with this report.</p>
4.0	Document Attached
	Scheme of Allowances 2022-23