

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR FULL COUNCIL

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Title of Motion:	The Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council and the 1 SRA Only Rule
Date of Council meeting:	14 July 2026
Proposer of Motion: (Name, and signature if hard copy submitted)	Councillor Jack Kellas
Seconder of Motion: (Name, and signature if hard copy submitted)	Councillor Neil Allen

Background/supporting information (maximum 300 words):

During Newark and Sherwood District Council's Full Council meeting on Tuesday 19 May 2026, Councillors considered the Independent Remuneration Panel's report on members' allowances. One of the recommendations adopted by Council was the adoption of the 1-SRA only rule. The report, on agenda page 105 said:

"Reinstituting the 1-SRA only rule. 74. The 2003 Regulations do not prohibit the payment of multiple SRAs to Members. However, since SRAs are not insignificant sums, Councils typically have adopted the '1-SRA only' rule. In other words, regardless of the number of remunerated posts individual Members may hold they can only be paid one SRA. By allowing Members to receive multiple SRAs it obscures the real level of remuneration received by Members therefore lacking transparency."

During said Full Council meeting, a question was raised as to whether the Council's newly elected Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Council would claim both their allowances as Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Council as well as the special responsibility allowances for their other committee positions. A different councillor stated that the 1-SRA only rule prevented the councillors from doing so; however, following clarification from Democratic Services, it was confirmed that the 1-SRA only rule would not be applied to the allowances payable to the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Council as those payments are made outside of the Members' Allowances Scheme.

This discussion has highlighted a loophole whereby the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Council could receive two additional allowances on top of their basic allowance, despite a 1-SRA only rule. This motion resolves to correct this position.

Motion to be proposed (active section):

That further to the 1 SRA payable rule being adopted by the Council on 19 May 2026, it is proposed that the Council move to apply a principle of no more than one role specific allowance (excluding basic allowance) being payable per Member irrespective of the number of constituted roles they perform. Thereafter presenting a more equitable position, whereby no councillor can be paid more than one additional allowance for the constituted roles they undertake. Where this principle applies, the relevant Member will receive the highest allowance payable. This principle is to apply as from 14 July 2026 for the specific allowances paid to the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Council.

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