

BLABY DISTRICT COUNCIL

Agenda Item

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Meeting:	Independent Remuneration Panel
Date:	27 October 2005
Subject:	Review of Members Allowance Scheme
Report of:	Democratic Services Manager
Status:	Public

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To review the payments of members allowances in accordance with the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances)(England) Regulations 2003 (as amended).

2.	<u>Recommendation to Panel</u>
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| 2.1 | The Panel consider what, if any, changes it wishes to recommend to Council with regard to the Members Allowance Scheme. |
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3.	<u>Reason for Decision Recommended</u>
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| 3.1 | To ensure that the Members Allowance scheme is reviewed on a regular basis and that the allowances payable are appropriate. |
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4. Forward Plan

- 4.1 Not applicable.

5. Key Decision

- 5.1 No

6. Matter(s) for Consideration

- 6.1 At the last meeting of the Panel I was requested to obtain further information from authorities who fell within the same audit family grouping as Blaby District Council. Attached at Appendix A is a schedule containing this information for consideration.
- 6.2 I was also requested to write to Members requesting information on their workload and the time taken from home/work to attend meetings. Copies of their responses are attached at Appendix B.
- 6.3 The Panel is requested to consider the information at Appendix A and Appendix B and the previous report to the Panel at its meeting held on 6 September 2005.
- 6.4 The Panel is then requested to consider what, if any, recommendations it wishes to make to Council with regard to changes to the Members Allowances Scheme.

7. Other Options Considered

- 7.1 Not to alter the Members Allowance scheme.

8. Appropriate Consultations

- 8.1 All the local authorities which fall within the same audit family grouping as Blaby District have been contacted regarding their members allowance scheme particularly in relation to the areas which need to be addressed and a schedule of the responses is attached at Appendix A.
- 8.2 All elected Members have been contacted to establish their workload and the time taken from work/home to attend meetings and copies of the responses are attached at Appendix B.

9. Financial and Efficiency Implications

- 9.1 Any increases in members allowances would not be met within the existing revenue budgets allocated to members allowances and the Council would need to take this into account when considering any recommendations from the Independent Remuneration Panel.

10. List of Background Papers

- 10.1 Report of the Democratic Services Manager to the meeting of the Independent Remuneration Panel held on 6 September 2005.

The following Officer(s)/Member(s) have been consulted (identified by ✓):

- ✓ Monitoring Officer