

BLABY DISTRICT COUNCIL

Meeting: Independent Remuneration Panel

Date: 14 March 2006

Subject: Members Allowances

Report of: Democratic Services Manager

Status: Public

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To re-consider the Special Responsibility Allowances and the requirements placed on the Development Control Chairman and Vice-Chairman as request by the Council at its meeting on 20 December 2005 in accordance with the the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances)(England) Regulations 2003 (as amended).

2.	<u>Recommendation to Panel</u>
2.1	The Panel consider, what if any changes, should be made as requested by the Council.
3.	<u>Reason for Decision Recommended</u>
3.1	To ensure that the Members Allowance scheme is reviewed on a regular basis and that the allowances payable are appropriate.

4. Forward Plan

- 4.1 Not applicable

5. Key Decision

- 5.1 No

6. Matter(s) for Consideration

- 6.1 The Council has requested that the Panel consider linking the Special Responsibility Allowances to the National Joint Council Staff Pay Awards from 2006 to enable them to be increased annually. The Council has also requested that the Panel reconsider their request for timesheets from the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Development Control Committee.

7. Other Options Considered

- 7.1 Not to alter the Members Allowance scheme

8. Appropriate Consultations

- 8.1 *None*

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 *None*

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

- ✓ Monitoring Officer