

BLABY DISTRICT COUNCIL

Meeting: Independent Remuneration Panel

Date: 5 December 2006

Subject: Members Allowances

Report of: Democratic Services Manager

Status: Public

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The Panel at its meeting on 27 October 2005 (Minute 5 refers) agreed to review the Special Responsibility Allowances for the Chairman & Vice Chairman of Development Control after 12 months. It also agreed at its meeting 14 March 2006 (minute 7 refers) to review all the Special Responsibility allowances in accordance with the the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances)(England) Regulations 2003 (as amended).

2.	<u>Recommendation to Panel</u>
2.1	The Panel considers what changes, if any, should be made to the Members Allowance Scheme.
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 Panel agreed at previous meetings to review the Chairman and Vice Chairman of Development Control Allowances along with all the Special Responsibility Allowances. I have written to the Chairman & Vice Chairman inviting them to attend the meeting or to submit a written response.
- 6.2 The Panel requested that comparison information be supplied in relation to all Leicestershire authorities together with the authorities in the same family grouping. Attached at Appendix 1 is a table which shows all allowances paid together with comparisons with these authorities.
- 6.3 I have also written to all the Members to ask if there were any particular aspects of the Scheme which they felt should be reviewed and attached at Appendix 2 is a table detailing these requests.
- 6.4 The Panel also requested information in relation to other authorities that Index link their Special Responsibility allowances. I can confirm that the following authorities do index link their allowances:
- Leicester City Council
 - East Northants District Council
 - Rushcliffe Borough Council
 - South Derbyshire District Council (subject to 4 yearly review)
 - Harborough District Council
 - Rushcliffe Borough Council (subject to 3 yearly review)
 - Rutland County Council

7. Other Options Considered

- 7.1 Not to alter the Members Allowance scheme

8. Appropriate Consultations

- 8.1 All Councillors.

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