

BLABY DISTRICT COUNCIL

Meeting: Independent Remuneration Panel

Date: 25 January 2007

Subject: Members Allowances

Report of: Democratic Services Manager

Status: Public

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The Panel at its meeting on 5 December 2006 requested some further information and consultation on their draft recommendations in relation to the review of members 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 consider, what if any changes, 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 at its last meeting agreed the recommendations detailed in the minutes of the meeting held on 5 December 2006. As requested I wrote to all existing Councillors to consult on these proposed recommendations and attached at Appendix A to my report are the responses I have received so far. I will submit any further responses at the meeting. I have also been notified by Cllr G.L. Welsh that he wishes to attend the meeting to discuss the recommendation which relates to the payment of only 2 special responsibility allowances.
- 6.2 Attached at appendix b is the information in relation to the Deputy Leader and the comparison with other authorities.

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