

Members Allowances Scheme – Municipal Year 2006-07

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To consider setting the Members Allowance Scheme for the Municipal Year 2006-07

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 **That the Members Allowances Scheme for Municipal Year 2006-07 as set out in Appendix One and Appendix Two be adopted.**

3. Background

- 3.1 When the current scheme was adopted Council accepted the recommendation that schemes to the end of the 2007/2008 Municipal Year would be increased in line with an inflationary index.

- 3.2 The RPI has been calculated from a yearly average of the most recently available figures. The calculation is shown in the table below.

Period	Amount	Period	Amount
2005 02	3.2	2005 08	2.8
2005 03	3.2	2005 09	2.7
2005 04	3.2	2005 10	2.5
2005 05	2.9	2005 11	2.4
2005 06	2.9	2005 12	2.2
2005 07	2.9	2006 01	2.4
		Average	= 2.78

Source: *The Office of National Statistics 2006 – www.statistics.gov.uk*

- 3.3 In the decision on the new scheme Council will have to take into account any new post they wish to create in the light of any changes to the democratic structure.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 The increase the proposed increase to Members allowances budget is £6,602.

5. Environment and Community Implications

- 5.1 None within the context of this report.

6. Human Resource Implications

- 6.1 None within the context of this report.

7. Equal Opportunities Implications

- 7.1 None within the context of this report.

8.0 Legal Implications

- 8.1 Members should note that consideration must be given to the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel. Council retains the authority to set allowances scheme and can amend the scheme recommended by the panel if it has reason.

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