



Meeting **COUNTY COUNCIL**

date 7 OCTOBER 2004

agenda item number

REPORT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES SCHEME

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To advise the Council of recent changes in the Members' Allowances Scheme.

2. Information and Advice

- 2.1 The Council approved the Members' Allowances Scheme at its meeting on 25 September 2003 in exercise of the powers conferred by the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003.
- 2.2 In approving the level of allowances at this time the Council determined that they should be increased annually in line with the pay award for Local Authority employees. The Council also determined that each annual increase should be reported to the Council for information.
- 2.3 Local Government employees received a pay award of 2.75% with effect from 1st April 2004. In the light of this award the allowances in the Scheme have now been revised to the following levels:
 - basic allowance - £11,448
 - special responsibility allowance – an extract from the Scheme (Schedule 1) is appended to this report setting out these amounts
 - dependents' carers' allowances - £5.14 per hour for child care and £10.28 per hour for other dependents
 - allowances for statutory co-optees - £516 annual allowance

- financial loss for education appeal panel members – up to a maximum of £205.50 per day
- 2.4 The Scheme has been revised to take account of these new rates for allowances. Travel and Subsistence Allowances remain unchanged at the present time and will be revised as rates change on a national basis.

3. Statutory and Policy Implications

- 3.1 This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, personnel, crime and disorder and users and where such implications are material they have been described in the text of the report.

4. RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1 That the report be noted.

Legal Services Comments

The report is for noting and complies with the previous recommendations approved by Council as set out in the report.

Director of Resources' Financial Comments

The additional cost is estimated at £35,910 and can be met from the budget for Members Allowances

Background Papers Available for Inspection

Details of Local Government Pay Award

Electoral Divisions Affected

All.

SCHEDULE 1

SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY ALLOWANCES

Band	Amount of Allowance (p.a.)	Role
1	£25,758.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Leader of the Council
2	£17,172.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Deputy Leader of the Council• Cabinet Members with Portfolio• Business Manager or Chief Whip Majority Group (in respect of his/her management of County Council business)• Leader of Main Minority Group (where group has at least 20% of total membership of the Council)
3	£12,795.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chairman of the County Council*
4	£10,275.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chairs of Scrutiny Select Committees
5	£ 8,586.00 p.a.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chair of Standards Committee• Chair of Planning and Licensing Committee• Chair of Appeals Committee• Chair of Audit Committee• Chair of Pensions Committee• Assistant Business Manager/Whip of Majority Group• Leader of the third largest Group (provided the Group meets the statutory definition of a Group). **
6	£ 6,081.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vice Chairman of the County Council*• Business Manager/Chief Whip of Main Minority Group.
7	£ 5,724.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Deputy Leader of Main Minority Group• Vice Chair of Planning and Licensing Committee• Vice Chair of Appeals Committee• Chair of Administration Committee• Assistant Business Manager of Main Minority Group• Group Secretary of Majority Group• Main Minority Group Spokesperson on Cabinet Portfolio's• Main Minority Group Spokesperson on Planning and Licensing
8	£2,862.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School Governors Co-ordinator of the Main Minority Group
9	£927.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Group Whip of the 2nd Minority Group

- * These SRAs include an element for clothing. Sections 3(5) and 5(4) (as appropriate) of Part 1 of the Local Government Act 1972, enable the County Council to make a reasonable payment to the Chairman and Vice-Chairman to enable them to meet the expenses of their office.

- ** Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel published on 15 September 2003.