



STANDARDS COMMITTEE

20 JULY 2011

MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES OUTTURN REPORT

WARDS

Summary

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This report responds to a request from the Committee to receive annually a report on the Members' Allowances Scheme and the amount each Member was paid in the previous year.

CONTRIBUTORS

RECOMMENDATION that;

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the Standards Committee notes the 2011/12 Members' Allowance Scheme and the 2010/11 outturn, as circulated.

1. Background

1.1 At its meeting in November 2009, the Committee received a report outlining the allowance received by Councillors, Independent and co-opted Members sitting on Committees.

1.2 Local authorities are required to adopt a Members' Allowances Scheme on an annual basis, with effect from 1 April each year. When amending its Members' Allowances Scheme, a Council must pay regard to the recommendations of its Independent Remuneration Panel. The main allowances paid are basic, special responsibility, dependent career and travel and subsistence.

1.3 On 23 February 2011, the Council agreed the Councillors' allowances for the 2011/12 financial year. In taking the decision, Members took into account the recommendations made in the Independent Remunerator's report to London Councils issued in May 2010 but decided to retain its own basic rate allowance. Since 2009, due to the economic conditions, the Council has frozen allowances at the 2008/9 levels. In years prior to this decision being taken, an automatic uplift in line with the previous year's Local Government Pay Settlement was made.

1.4 The Council's Scheme broadly remains the same as agreed in May 2010 with no additional Special Responsibility Allowance (SRA) being recommended. There has been a reduction of the cooptee allowance as the Committees meet less often. A copy of the Scheme (Appendix 1) and the amounts paid to each Member (Appendix 2) are attached.

2. Comments of the Assistant Director of Legal and Democratic Services

The proposals contained within the report are in line with the Local Government Act 2000 and appropriate regulations.

3. Comments of the Director of Finance and Corporate Services

The Director of Finance and Corporate Services can confirm that there is sufficient provision in the existing budget to fund the costs as contained in this report.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2000 BACKGROUND PAPERS

No.	Brief Description of Background Papers	Name/Ext. of holder of file/copy	Department/Location
1.	Councillors' Allowances Scheme and Councillors' Allowances – Amounts Paid 2010-11	Kayode Adewumi	FCS Room 133, 1 st floor, Town Hall.