

MEETING:	THE COUNCIL
DATE:	22, OCTOBER, 2009.
TITLE;	MEMBERS ALLOWANCES
PURPOSE:	RESTORE THE ALLOWANCE FOR THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE
PORTFOLIO LEADER:	CLLR. J. R. JONES, SENIOR PORTFOLIO LEADER - RESOURCES.
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1. At its meeting on the 7th May, 2009, as part of a series of changes to the Constitution, the Council adopted a new allowance scheme for members for 2009/10. The intention was to implement some of the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel by introducing a care allowance and an allowance to co-opted members. There was no intention to make any substantial changes to the rest of the scheme.
2. The Complaints Committee was inadvertently omitted from the list of Committees which were eligible to attract allowance. As a result the allowance to the Chairman of the Committee was withheld from May onwards.
3. The Council is requested to rectify the situation by restoring the allowance to the Chairman of the Complaints Committee and in accordance with the usual procedure to back date the payment to the beginning of the financial year. The annual allowance is £2,272.
4. As members are aware, the Independent Remuneration Panel has published its preliminary findings and has consulted on them. They are expected to present their final report for 2010/11 in December. Following this a further report will be presented to the Council regarding the allowances scheme for 2010/11 and the following years.

RECOMMENDATION.

5. That the Council agrees to amend clause 4.1.5. of the Allowance Scheme by including the Complaints Committee as one of the committees which attracts an allowance for the Chairman, to be backdated to the beginning of the financial year.