

Gravesham Borough Council

Report to: Independent Remuneration Panel
Date: 2 February 2009
Reporting officer: Director (Communities)
Subject: Members' Allowances 2009/2010

Purpose and summary of report:

To consider whether to recommend any changes to Members' Allowances for the next municipal year.

Recommendations:

Instructions are requested.

1. Current Scheme

- 1.1 A copy of the current list of special responsibility allowances from the Members' Allowances Scheme is attached for ease of reference, together with the list of approved duties and subsistence and travel allowances. In addition, a basic allowance of £ 3402 is paid to every Member of the Council.
- 1.2 The scheme was last amended with effect from May 2008 but the increases (as shown on the attached schedule) were only implemented following an extended period of negotiation and then only on an interim basis as the 2008/2009 pay claim is still being considered by Acas.

2. Allowances paid by other authorities

- 2.1 Attached is a schedule compiled by South East Employers which shows the allowances paid by other Councils in the South East.

3. Inflation and salary awards

- 3.1 The Panel will be advised on the current levels of inflation and the expected salary awards in the public sector.