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**CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE – 29 JUNE 2007****MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES 2006/2007****REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE****Purpose**

1. The purpose of this report is to inform the Committee of the action taken to publicise the level of payments on members' allowances for 2006/2007 (Appendix A).

**Background**

2. Under the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003 the County Council is required to publish details of its allowances scheme and payments made under it "as soon as reasonably practicable after the end of the year." This has been a requirement for some years and it has been the County Council's practice to publish the schedule of payments with the minutes of this Committee. Copies of the schedule are normally circulated - first to relevant members of the Council and a few days later to the media.
3. A letter was therefore sent to elected members and former members with the attached schedule on 14 June, 2007 and details sent to the media subsequently.

**Recommendations**

4. That the action taken by the Chief Executive to publicise the level of payments on members' allowances in 2006/07 be noted and that the details be published with the minutes of this meeting in accordance with the provisions of the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003.

**Circulation under Sensitive Issues Procedure.**

None.

**Background Papers**

None.

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