

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE – 30 JUNE 2008**MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES 2007/2008****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 2007/2008 (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 with the attached schedule on 27 May, 2008 and details have recently been sent to the local media.

Recommendations

4. That the action taken by the Chief Executive to publicise the level of payments on members' allowances in 2007/08 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.

Background Papers

5. None.

Circulation under Sensitive Issues Procedure

6. None.

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Relevant Impact Assessments

Equal Opportunities Implications

7. None.