

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL
REPORT TO POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

DECISION

Agenda Item No 10

meeting date: 29 MARCH 2011
title: MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES 2011/12
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1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To inform members of the Council's scheme of members' allowances for the 2011/12 financial year.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) 2003 require the Council to establish a scheme of members' allowances in accordance with these regulations.
- 2.2 Normally at this time the Council approves a scheme of Members Allowances for the forthcoming financial year. However as you will be aware we have recently set up an independent panel to carry out a review of allowances which will come into effect from the new municipal year.

3 REVIEW OF MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES

- 3.1 The Independent Panel consists of;

- David Morris (Ex Chief Executive)
- Liz McQue (Chief Executive of North West Employers Organisation)
- Rev Andy Froud (St Mary's Church Clitheroe)
- Ian Lloyd (Clitheroe Chamber of Trade)

Advised by: Marshal Scott, Diane Rice and myself

- 3.2 The panel have met a number of times and are scheduled to interview a number of existing members on 31 March 2011.
- 3.3 As reported previously, the outcome of their review will be reported your meeting in June. Any recommendations will need to be considered by yourselves and ultimately approved by Full Council in July. In the past the new scheme of members' allowances has been backdated to the beginning of the new municipal year.
- 3.4 The current scheme of allowances would therefore remain in force until the new scheme is approved by Council.

4 RECOMMENDED THAT COMMITTEE

- 4.1 Agree that the current scheme of Members' Allowances for 2010/11 is extended pending the outcome of the review of the independent panel.

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