

11. Members' Allowances Scheme

Purpose of report

1. To consider the level of Members' Allowances in accordance with the provisions of the Local Authorities (Members Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003 (the regulations).
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Recommendation

The Treasurer recommends that the Authority determines whether to increase Members' Allowances under the current arrangements.

Introduction and Background

2. In accordance with the Regulations, on 17 June 2007 the FRA agreed an annual adjustment in the level of Allowances in line with the Retail Prices Index (RPI).
3. On 16 June 2008 the FRA amended this to increase Members' Allowances in line with the Consumer Price Index (CPI).
4. On 8 June 2011 the Authority considered whether the allowances should be increased in line with the CPI and resolved that:

the level of Members' Allowances applicable from 1 April 2010 is retained for the period 1 April 2011 to 31 March 2012.
5. The current levels of allowances applicable from 1 April 2011 are due to increase in line with CPI from 1 April 2012.
6. The relevant CPI index for the period would increase the rates by 3%.

Financial Considerations

Consideration	Yes/No	Reference in Report i.e paragraph no.
There are financial issues that require consideration	Y	Whole report

Legal Considerations

Consideration	Yes/No	Reference in Report i.e paragraph no.
There are legal issues e.g. contractual and procurement, reputational issues that require consideration	N	

Additional Considerations

7. The table below sets out any additional issues arising from the proposals contained in this report and identifies the relevant paragraphs in the report where such issues are addressed.

Consideration	Yes/No	Reference in Report i.e paragraph no.
Resources (e.g. Assets, ICT, Human Resources, Training & Development, Sustainability).	N	
Strategic Policy Links (e.g. IRMP, Authority Plan, Equality & Diversity, Partnerships, Environmental Impact).	N	
Risk Management / Health & Safety (e.g. risk management and control measures, risk register score).	N	
Consultation with Representative Bodies	N	

Supporting Information

Background papers:
25 September 2003 - Combined Fire Authority – Members Allowance Scheme

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