

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

COUNCIL – 23 FEBRUARY 2011

REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF INTERNAL SERVICES

MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES 2011/12

WARD(S) AFFECTED: All

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**Purpose/Summary of Report**

- To report the recommendations of the Council's Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP) following its review of Members' Allowances.

<b><u>RECOMMENDATION:</u></b>

1.0 Background

1.1 The Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003 requires each principal local authority to establish an Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP) to submit recommendations on its Members' Allowances.

1.2 Before a local Authority makes or amends its Members' Allowances Scheme it shall have regard to the recommendations made by its IRP

2.0 Report

2.1 The Council's IRP's report and recommendations on Members' Allowances for 2011/12 can be found at **Essential Reference Paper 'B'**.

2.2 Council is invited to consider the IRP's recommendations before determining a Members' Allowances scheme for 2011/12.

### 3.0 Implications/Consultations

3.1 Information on any corporate issues and consultation associated with this report can be found within **Essential Reference Paper 'A'**.

### Background Papers

None

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## ESSENTIAL REFERENCE PAPER 'A'

Contribution to the Council's Corporate Priorities/ Objectives <i>(delete as appropriate):</i>	<b>Fit for purpose, services fit for you</b> <i>Deliver customer focused services by maintaining and developing a well managed and publicly accountable organisation.</i>  <b>Leading the way, working together</b> <i>Deliver responsible community leadership that engages with our partners and the public.</i>
Consultation:	None.
Legal:	The Authority is required, before the beginning of each year, to make a scheme for the payment of specified allowances. Before making a scheme, the Authority shall have regard to the recommendations made to it by its IRP.
Financial:	The 2011/12 budget for allowances (including travel and subsistence and provision for national insurances) included as a planning assumption an additional sum of £250 per head for all in receipt of less than £21,500. That provision would not be required – a saving of £12k - in addition to the £31k saving arising from the net reductions proposed by the Panel.
Human Resource:	None
Risk Management:	See legal implications above.