

## Annual Council Meeting on 18 May 2009

<b>Report Title:</b> MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES PAID IN 2008/09
<b>Report of:</b> The Chief Executive
<b>Report for:</b> Noting
<p><b>1. Purpose</b></p> <p>To note the end of year statement for 2008/09 of allowances paid to Members.</p>
<p><b>2. Recommendations</b></p> <p>That the allowances paid to each Member, as set out at Appendix 1, be noted.</p>
<b>Report authorised by:</b> Chief Executive
<b>Contact Officer:</b> Ken Pryor                      Tel: 020 8489 2915 Deputy Head of Local Democracy and Member Services
<p><b>3. Chief Financial Officer Comments</b></p> <p>The Chief Financial Officer confirms that these are the allowances paid during 2008/09.</p>
<p><b>4. Head of legal Services Comments</b></p> <p>All payments made are in accordance with the Members Allowances Scheme approved annually by the Council.</p>
<b>5. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985</b>

The following background papers were used in the preparation of this Report and can be inspected at River Park House, 225 High Road Wood Green, London N22 8HQ by contacting Ken Pryor on 020 8489 2915:  
Report on members allowances from Council 19 May 2008.

## **6 REPORT – MEMBERS ALLOWANCES**

- 6.1 The Council Meeting on 31 March 2008 approved a scheme for the payment of members' allowances for 2008/09. The scheme was originally based on the findings of an Independent Panel commissioned by the ALG.
- 6.2 The scheme is made in accordance with the Local Authorities (Members Allowances) Regulations. The regulations indicate that agreement and adoption of the scheme is the responsibility of full Council and will continue to be so within any new arrangements set out in the Constitution which the Council is required to adopt under the Local Government Act 2000.
- 6.3 This report indicates the amounts paid to Members in 2008/09, as detailed at Appendix 1.
- 6.4 The allowances that can be paid include:
- basic allowance
  - special responsibility allowance
  - childcare and dependent carers' allowance
  - travel (outside M25 area only)
- 6.5 Arrangements must be made for publication of the total amount paid to each member, including basic, special responsibility and childcare/dependent carers' allowance, after the end of the year to which the scheme relates. These are set out for 2008/09 in Appendix 1.

## **7 Financial Implications**

The payments made are in accordance with those sums specified in Members Allowances Scheme approved on 31 March 2008.

## **8 Legal Implications**

All payments made are in accordance with the Members Allowances Scheme approved annually by the Council.