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Report of the Chief Democratic Services Officer

Report to Council

Date: 15th July 2009

Subject: Members Allowances

Electoral Wards Affected:	Specific Implications For:
	Equality and Diversity
Ward Members consulted (referred to in report)	Narrowing the Gap

1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 This report advises Council of the receipt of a report from the Independent Remuneration Panel and asks Council to make a number of changes to the Members' Allowances Scheme.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Council is required to determine a Members' Allowances Scheme, having regard to recommendations from an Independent Remuneration Panel.
- 2.2 In determining or varying its Members' Allowances Scheme, Council may modify, accept or reject any such recommendations from the Independent Remuneration Panel as it considers appropriate.
- 2.3 Council is advised that the Independent Remuneration Panel published a report in June 2009, a copy of which is attached as an appendix to this report.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The cost of increasing the allowance payable to Parish members of the Standards Committee, together with increasing the level allowance payable to them, will be £2431pa

4.0 **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 4.1 Council is asked to approve the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel as detailed in the attached report, with effect from the beginning of the current municipal year
- 4.2 Council is asked to authorise the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance) to make any consequential changes to the Members' Allowances Scheme.