

**CIVIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**10 September 2008  
(6.00pm-6.57pm)**PRESENT:** Councillors Boyce (Chair), Hart, Herbert, C Rosenstiel (Vice-chair), and Ward**FOR ADOPTION BY THE COUNCIL****08/CIV/42 APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY COUNCILLOR****Council is recommended:**

To approve the appointment of former councillor John Durrant as an Honorary Councillor.

Members noted that, as Mr Durrant was unable to attend the Special Meeting on 11 September and wished to be present when his appointment was considered, the matter would have to be deferred to another special meeting in December.

**08/CIV/43 MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES SCHEME**

The 2008/09 Members Allowances scheme had been approved by the Council in April 2008. Following the City Council elections in May and the changes to political composition of the Council, revisions to the scheme had been required. The Independent Remuneration Panel had met on 21 July and representatives of the Liberal Democrat, Labour and Green & Independent Groups had attended.

Members welcomed the Independent Panel's agreement to review the rationale behind how special responsibility allowances were split when it convenes in the autumn to consider next year's scheme.

Councillor Ward proposed an amendment to the recommendations by deleting the second recommendation - "2) That the Council makes interim provision in its scheme for a Group of 1".

**Resolved** (by 3 votes to 0) to delete the second recommendation and to accept the recommendations as amended.

**Council is recommended:**

To make the following revisions to the 2008/09 Members Allowances Scheme as follows [and illustrated in the attached table]:

- 1) Opposition Group Leader's allowance be split between Labour and Green & Independent (£1947 and £835 respectively).
- 2) Spokespersons allowance: Scrutiny be set at £1391 for Minority Party 1 (Labour) and £556 for Minority Party 2 (Green & Independent)
- 3) Spokespersons allowance: Regulatory Committees (Planning, Licensing, Civic Affairs and Standards) be set at rates as set out in the attached table.
- 4) That any allowance for the Chair and Vice Chair of Standards Committee be applied as co-optees of Scrutiny Committees (set at the minimum wage hourly rate)
- 5) When there is a special responsibility allowance which is jobshared, it can be divided by the relevant councillors

**Chair**



## Revised Schedule of Members Allowances 2008/09

## Appendix 2

Position	Total 2008-2009	Head Count (Anticipated)		Multiplier of the Basic Allowance	Individual amount 2008-2009	Total Amount 2008 - 2009
Councillor (Basic Allowance)	£116,844	42		1.00	£ 2,782	116844
Leader of the Council	£60,509	1		3.75	£ 10,433	10433
Executive Councillors		6		3.00	£ 8,346	50076
HMB & Scrutiny Committees (4)	£16,414	4	Chair	0.40	£ 1,113	4451
		4	VC	0.10	£ 278	1113
		7	M.Sp 1	0.50	£ 1,391	9737
		2	M.Sp 2	0.20	£ 556	1113
Planning Committee	£9,737	1	Chair	0.80	£ 2,226	2226
		1	VC	0.05	£ 139	139
		9	Mem	0.20	£ 556	5008
		1	M.Sp 1	0.55	£ 1,530	1530
		1	M.Sp 2	0.30	£ 835	835
Licensing Committee	£6,677	1	Chair	0.25	£ 696	696
		1	VC	0.05	£ 139	139
		1	M.Sp 1	0.25	£ 696	696
		1	M.Sp 2	0.05	£ 139	139
		12	Members	0.15	£ 417	5008
Standards & Civic Affairs Committees	£4,451	2	Chair	0.40	£ 1,113	2226

		2	VC	0.10	£ 278	556
		1	Maj Sp	0.20	£ 556	556
		2	Min Sp	0.20	£ 556	1113
Environment & Transport Area Joint	£556	1	Chair/ V Chair	0.20	£ 556	556
Area Committees	£21,421	4	Chair	0.45	£ 1,252	5008
		4	V Chair	0.20	£ 556	2226
		34	Members	0.15	£ 417	14188
Employment Appeals Panel Members	£1,252	9	Members	0.05	£ 139	1252
Joint Development Control	£5,564	1	Chair	1.00	£ 2,782	2782
		5	Members	0.20	£ 556	2782
Leader of the Majority Group	£0	0		0.00	£ -	0
Leader of the Opposition Group - Lab	£1,947	1		0.70	£ 1,947	1947
Leader of the Opposition Group - GrInd	£835	1		0.30	£ 835	835
<b>Total (Full Year)</b>	<b>£246,207</b>					<b>246207</b>

Orig Budget 243425

Increase 2782

1.14%

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<b>FOR INFORMATION OF THE COUNCIL</b>
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08/CIV/44 **MINUTES**

The Committee confirmed the minutes of the meeting held on 25 June 2008.

08/CIV/45 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None received.

08/CIV/46 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Rosenstiel declared a personal interest in minute number 08/CIV/49 as Chair of the Electoral Reform Society.

08/CIV/47 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no members of the public present.

**08/CIV/48 AUDIT COMMISSION ANNUAL GOVERNANCE REPORT**

The Head of Accounting Services tabled some amended pages to Appendix 1 of the report which contained a schedule of the minor changes made to the draft accounts since the Audit Commission had completed their audit.

She then introduced the new District Auditor, Debbie Hanson and the auditor Keith Matthews. Debbie Hanson spoke to the report.

**Resolved**

1. To receive that Annual Governance Report presented by the Audit Commission.
2. To approve the audited Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2008.
3. To authorise Councillor R A Boyce, as Chair of the Committee, to sign the Letter of Representation and audited Statement of Accounts for the

financial year ending 31 March 2008 on behalf of the Council.

Councillor Boyce then signed the documents.

### **08/CIV/49 GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION: WEEKEND VOTING**

The Committee noted tabled comments from Councillor Rosenstiel.

The Democratic Services Manager said that the Government would analyse responses to the consultation and would publish the results by the end of December.

The Committee considered the draft responses in the report and suggested revised text.

**Resolved** to respond to the Government's consultation and that the amendments to the draft responses be agreed with Chair and Spokes prior to submission to Government.

**Chair**