

ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE:	COUNTY COUNCIL
DATE:	12 MAY 2011
TITLE OF REPORT:	MEMBERS ALLOWANCE SCHEME
PURPOSE OF REPORT:	TO DEAL WITH THE SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL
REPORT BY:	CORPORATE DIRECTOR (FINANCE)/ DIRECTOR OF LEGAL SERVICE & MONITORING OFFICER
ACTION:	AMEND ALLOWANCES SCHEME

Following the appointment of Commissioners on 16 March, the Minister for Social Justice and Local Government wrote to the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales to ask them to undertake a review of allowances at Anglesey (Appendix A). The Panel reported on 13 April (Appendix B). As always the role of the Panel is to decide on a maximum allowance, and the authority must not exceed that maximum.

The report reduces the maximum basic allowance for the Isle of Anglesey County Council to £11,664 which is exactly the amount decided by the Council for 2011-12 following the cut of 10%. No change is required.

The report reduces the maximum 'Band 3' allowance to £7,474. This is the band applicable to the Chairs of Scrutiny Committees, the Planning Committee and the Audit Committee, where the Council decided on £7,473 for 2011-12. No change is required.

Special Responsibility Allowances for the Leader, Deputy Leader, Executive members and the Opposition Leader have been reduced to zero. This requires changing the scheme.

The Independent Remuneration Panel's determinations are effective from the date of their report, i.e. 13 April. Under regulation 6 of the Local Authorities (Allowances for Members) (Wales) Regulation 2007, the Council may backdate the change within the financial year but not to a previous financial year. In practice these allowances were not paid in respect of the whole of April, the members concerned having been warned of the intention in advance.

It is recommended that the Members' Allowances Scheme be amended by reducing the Special Responsibility Allowances for Leader, Deputy Leader, Executive and Opposition Leader to zero with effect from 1 April 2011.

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