
PAYMENT OF MEMBERS ALLOWANCES – SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY ALLOWANCE

JOINT REPORT OF THE CLERK TO THE AUTHORITY AND THE FINANCE OFFICER

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to request the Authority to determine the special responsibility allowance to be paid for the Leaders of the Minority parties.

2. Members' Allowances Scheme

- 2.1 Under the current Members' Allowances Scheme, a special responsibility allowance is paid to the Leader of the Majority Party in Opposition. Currently both minority parties have equal representation on the Authority but the scheme does not recognise this possibility. The Authority will therefore need to consider whether to pay special responsibility allowances to the Leaders of both minority parties or to share the allowance between them.
- 2.2 A similar situation arose in 2003 at which time the Authority decided to share the allowance between the respective Leaders.

3. Recommendation

- 3.1 The Authority is asked to determine the payment of the special responsibility allowance to the Leaders of the minority parties.

Background Papers

Members' Allowances Scheme

The Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003

