



NORTHAMPTON
BOROUGH COUNCIL

COUNCIL

13 September 2010

Agenda Status: Public

Directorate: Chief Executives and Finance & Support.

Report Title	Members' Allowances 2009/2010
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1. Summary

- 1.1 The report sets out a summary of Allowances that Councillors have received during 2009/10.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That the report be noted.

3. Report Background

- 3.1 The Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003 require local authorities to publish the sums paid to individual Councillors in respect of Basic Allowance, Special Responsibility Allowance, Dependants' Carers' Allowance, Travelling & Subsistence Allowance and Co-optees' Allowance. During 2009/10 no sums were paid in respect of Co-optees' Allowance.

- 3.2 Appendix one sets out the Allowances that Councillors have received. These are made up of a basic allowance, which all Councillors receive, a Special Responsibility Allowance (only one per Councillor), which some Councillors receive and which recognises Leadership of the party groups, chairmanships, Portfolio Holders, etc and Travel & Subsistence, which not all Councillors claim. The column headed "Backdated Annual Increases" reflects the increase in allowances agreed by Council in October 2009. As per a cabinet decision on 14th October 2009, all unclaimed increases in members' allowances in 2009/10 will be allocated to CEFAP for investment in communities in future years. The detailed Members Allowance Scheme forms part of the Council's Constitution and the amounts payable are determined annually. Payments to the independent members of the Standards Committee and the Remuneration Panel are also included at appendix two.

These allowances are taxable and in all cases any relevant Income Tax is deducted at source.

3.3 As highlighted in the far right hand column of appendix 1 the following payments were made to three Councillors for their roles as Mayor and Deputy Mayor:

Marianne Taylor	£3,181.90	(Deputy Mayor)
Michael Hill	£20,102.98	(Mayor)
Brian Markham	£3,893.32	(Mayor – part year)

These payments are made to the Mayor and Deputy Mayor (and are intended to include expenses incurred by the Mayoress and Deputy Mayoress) and are designed to cover the majority of the mayoral diary throughout their term of office. The allowances are therefore designed to cover clothing, donations to charities, collections, gifts for special occasions, expenses on foreign visits (if any) and personal hospitality.

The main civic hospitality functions (for example, the Civic Ball and Mayor Making) official Christmas cards and photographs and past Mayors' and Mayoress' badges are otherwise funded by the Council.

3.4 In recognition that Councillors' expenses and allowances are a matter of deep public interest and that they should be as accessible and easy to locate as possible, from this year onwards this annual report will be found on the Council's website at www.northampton.gov.uk/councillorallowances.

4. Implications (including financial implications)

4.1 Resources and Risk

All payments were made within budget.

4.2 Legal

None

4.3 Other Implications

None

5. Background Papers

None.

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Appendix One

Allowances Paid to Councillors – 2009/2010

Surname	First Name	Basic Allowance £	Special Responsibility £	Travel and Subsistence £	Carers £	Backdated Annual Increases £	Mayoral Allowances £
Cllr. Beardsworth	Sally	6,653.64	9,319.79			92.89	
Cllr. Capstick	Joy	6,653.64				38.64	
Cllr. Chaudhury	Prince	6,653.64				38.64	
Cllr. Chaudhury	Iftikhar	6,653.64		493.60		38.64	
Cllr. Church	Richard	6,653.64	9,319.79			92.89	
Cllr. Clarke	Tony	6,653.64				38.64	
Cllr. Caswell	John	6,653.64				38.64	
Cllr. Collins	Scott	6,653.64	3,146.58			76.28	
Cllr. Conroy	Jenny	6,000.00					
Cllr. Conroy	Roger	6,000.00					
Cllr. Crake	Maria-Trinid	6,653.64	9,319.79			92.89	
Cllr. Davies	Keith	6,653.64	3,389.05	159.40		58.31	
Cllr. Decruz	Mel	6,653.64				38.64	
Cllr. Duncan	Jane	6,653.64				38.64	
Cllr. Edwards	Donald	6,653.64				38.64	
Cllr. Flavell	Penny	6,653.64				38.64	
Cllr. Garlick	David	6,000.00					
Cllr. Glynane	Brendan	6,653.64	2,081.25			59.46	
Cllr. Golby	Matthew	6,653.64				38.64	
Cllr. Hadland	Timothy	6,653.64	1,476.51			2,215.88 *	
Cllr. Hawkins	Jean	6,230.76				57.69	
Cllr. Hill	Michael	6,653.64				38.64	20102.98
Cllr. Hoare	Brian	6,653.64	12,769.59	432.40		205.34	
Cllr. Hoare	Michelle	6,653.64				38.64	
Cllr. Hollis	Jane	6,653.64	1,429.08			52.77	

Surname	First Name	Basic Allowance £	Special Responsibility £	Travel and Subsistence £	Carers £	Back dated Payments Increments £	Mayoral Allowances £
Cllr. Lane	Jamie	6,653.64	5,083.89			67.83	
Cllr. Larratt	Phil	6,653.64				38.64	
Cllr. Lill	Colin	6,653.64				38.64	
Cllr. Lill	Judith	6,653.64				38.64	
Cllr. Malpas	Christopher	6,653.64	5,083.89			67.83	
Cllr. Markham	Brian	6,653.64	5,430.20			122.43	3,893.32
Cllr. Markham	Irene	6,653.64				38.64	
Cllr. Mason	Lee	6,653.64		102.30		38.64	
Cllr. Matthews	Richard	6,653.64		58.40		38.64	
Cllr. Meredith	Dennis	6,653.64		423.04		38.64	
Cllr. Mildren	Malcolm	6,653.64	1,907.77			57.76	
Cllr. Palethorpe	David	6,653.64	2,485.55			2,033.77 *	
Cllr. Perkins	David	6,653.64	8,105.77			80.70	
Cllr. Reeve	Kevin	6,653.64				38.64	
Cllr. Scott	Tess	6,653.64		300.20		38.64	
Cllr. Simpson	Andrew	6,549.30	2,742.17			214.88	
Cllr. Taylor	Marianne	6,653.64	2,953.44			38.64	3,181.90
Cllr. Varnsvery	Pam	6,653.64		49.84		38.64	
Cllr. Varnsvery	Paul	6,653.64	8,151.52	328.72		53.50	
Cllr. Wilson	Portia	6,549.30	2,130.45	136.00	89.30	1,587.49 *	
Cllr. Woods	Tony	6,653.64	10,991.87	61.30		189.32	
Cllr. Yates	John	6,653.64	1,704.36			121.11	
Totals		£310,128.60	£109,022.31	£2,545.20	£89.30	£9,156.55	£27,178.20

* The reason for the backdated increases is due to these members not being awarded their full allowances at the time of their appointments, these allowances have been corrected to ensure all members have been paid their full allowances from the time of their appointments.

Appendix Two

Allowances paid to the Independent Remuneration Panel and the Standards Committee

Allowances paid to the independent Remuneration Panel

Surname	First Name	Basic Allowance	Travel and Subsistence
		£	£
Augustine	Madu	165.00	9.60
Joy	Paul	220.00	54.40
Wright	Terry	220.00	13.60
Totals		605.00	77.60

Allowances paid to the Standards Committee

Surname	First Name	Basic Allowance	Travel and Subsistence
		£	£
Edwards	Margaret	999.96	0
Harley	Ian	2000.04	50.95
Hughes	David	999.96	0
Totals		3999.96	50.95