



REPORT TO EXECUTIVE

PORTFOLIO AREA: GOVERNANCE AND RESOURCES

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Key Decision: Yes

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Title: **ELECTED MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES - PROVISIONAL
OUTTURN FOR 2009/10**

Report of: **ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (RESOURCES)**

Report reference: **RD16/10**

Summary:

This report sets out the amount of allowances paid to Members as part of the Elected Members' Allowances Scheme for 2009/10.

Recommendations:

The Executive is asked to receive the report and note the overall under-spend of £8,166 on allowances for 2009/10.

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Note: in compliance with section 100d of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 the report has been prepared in part from the following papers: None

CITY OF CARLISLE

To: The Executive
04 June 2010

RD16/10

ELECTED MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES – OUTTURN 2009/10

1. DETAILS

- 1.1 Set out in the attached **Appendix 1** are the amounts paid directly to individual Members as part of the Elected Members' Allowances Scheme for 2009/10 as required under paragraph 15 of the Local Authority (Members Allowances) (England) regulations 2003.
- 1.2 The detail in respect of Travel and Subsistence for Members collectively is provided in 1.8 overleaf.
- 1.3 The overall position is summarised as follows:

	Budget	Outturn	Variance
	£	£	£
Basic Allowance	251,100	246,009	(5,091)
Special Responsibility allowance	94,400	92,080	(2,320)
Dependent Carers' Allowance	0	186	186
Co Opted Members' Allowance	0	1,118	1,118
Travel – General	18,200	15,746	(2,454)
Travel – Relating to Members' training	900	1,085	185
Subsistence General	2,100	1,001	(1,099)
Subsistence – Relating to Members' training	0	1,309	1,309
Total	366,700	358,534	(8,166)

- 1.4 There is an under-spend overall of £8,166. This is the second year where there has been an underspend. It is too early to determine whether or not this under-spend is becoming a trend so there is no recommendation at this stage to review the budget for Members Allowances. However the position will be closely monitored during 2010/11 as part of the normal budget monitoring procedures.
- 1.5 The Basic Allowance budget is under-spent as budgets are allocated for a full year from April and the actual annual increase in allowances was slightly lower than that provided for.

- 1.6 The Special Responsibility Allowance budget is under-spent partly due to some committees not sitting until later in the year and therefore allowances were paid for part of the year only. Also as Members are only entitled to receive one Special Responsibility Allowance, if they are in two positions that attract an allowance, only one will be paid: this applied to one Member in 2009/10 and a saving is made as a result.
- 1.7 There has been an under-spend in respect to Travel and Subsistence, despite there being individual overspends in Public Transport. This is because claims for mileage and in particular subsistence have come in well below the budget allocated, a reversal of previous year's situation.
- 1.8 Details of Travel and Subsistence:

	Budget £	Outturn £
Public Transport		
Public transport costs in respect of attendance at committee meetings and other approved duties	2,100	1,053
Planning Site visits and other approved duties	700	675
MLDP* – Public Transport	0	0
Members' training - Executive group	200	0
Members' training - Labour group	300	44
Members' training - Conservative group	300	691
Members' training - Lib Dem group	100	350
	3,700	2,813
Mileage Expenses		
Mileage costs in respect of attendance at committee meetings and other approved duties	15,400	14,018
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Subsistence Expenses		
Subsistence costs in respect of attendance at committee meetings and other approved duties	2,100	1,001
MLDP – Subsistence	0	0
Members' training - Executive group	0	456
Members' training - Labour group	0	228
Members' training - Conservative group	0	263
Members' training - Lib Dem group	0	362
	2,100	2,310

* MLDP = Members' Learning & Development Programme

2. CONSULTATION

2.1 Consultation to Date:

JMT and SMT have considered the report.

2.2 Consultation proposed:

Resources Overview and Scrutiny Panel will consider the report on 17th June 2010. Details of allowances as shown in Appendix 1 will also be published in the local press.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Executive is asked to receive the report and note the overall under-spend of £8,166 on allowances for 2009/10.

4. IMPLICATIONS

- Staffing/Resources – None
- Financial – Included in the report
- Legal – None
- Corporate – None
- Risk Management – None
- Equality Issues – None
- Environmental – None
- Crime and Disorder – None
- Impact on Customers – None

5. IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

Does the change have an impact on the following?

Equality Impact Screening	Impact Yes/No?	Is the impact positive or negative?
Does the policy/service impact on the following?		
Age	No	N/A
Disability	No	N/A
Race	No	N/A
Gender/ Transgender	No	N/A
Sexual Orientation	No	N/A
Religion or belief	No	N/A
Human Rights	No	N/A
Social exclusion	No	N/A
Health inequalities	No	N/A
Rurality	No	N/A

If you consider there is either no impact or no negative impact, please give reasons:

This report summarises the 2009/10 provisional out-turn for the members allowances budget and provides reasons for variances and has no direct impact on the above.

If an equality Impact is necessary, please contact the P&P team.

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MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES SUMMARY 2009/10

APPENDIX 1

Init	Surname	Basic	Became or ceased to be a councillor	SRA	Travel	Subsistence
T	ALLISON	4,733.04		4,075.54		228.00
P	ATKINSON	4,733.04				
J R	BAINBRIDGE	4,733.04		568.24		
J	BELL	4,733.04				
R D	BLOXHAM	4,733.04		6,524.04	2,618.18	14.60
M W	BOADEN	4,733.04		4,356.96		228.00
M L	BOWMAN	4,733.04		6,524.04	1,537.52	61.60
H M	BRADLEY	3,944.20				
D	CAPE	4,733.04				
N	CLARKE	4,733.04		3,291.93		154.00
M	CLARKE	4,733.04				
J R	COLLIER	4,733.04		1,094.04	600.10	
J	DEVLIN	4,733.04			98.56	
B O	EARP	4,733.04		6,524.04	1,133.94	102.48
G	ELLIS	5,073.15	05/03/09	5,682.23		
C	FARMER	5,073.15	05/03/09			
HDM	FARMER	4,733.04				
J P	FARMER	4,733.04		2,344.89	298.79	134.00
J	GEDDES	4,733.04		428.50	664.62	20.00
A	GLENDINNING	4,733.04				
C W	GLOVER	4,733.04				
W J	GRAHAM	4,733.04				
A	HARID	4,733.04				
J D	HENDRY	4,733.04			2,775.92	303.91
J R	KNAPTON	4,733.04		568.24	482.24	
J	LAYDEN	4,733.04			1,574.67	
N J	LISHMAN	4,733.04				
O D	LUCKLEY	4,733.04		6,524.04	100.00	76.00
E A	MALLINSON	4,733.04		4,356.96		
J	MALLINSON	4,733.04		10,878.00	92.50	228.00
H F	MCDEVITT	4,733.04				
M R	MITCHELSON	4,733.04		17,406.96	2,438.24	228.00
D D	MORTON	4,733.04		1,094.04		
D H	PARSONS	4,733.04		4,356.96	1,540.71	162.18
L	PATRICK	4,733.04				
A	QUILTER	4,733.04				
J	RIDDLE	4,733.04			164.78	124.15
F	ROBSON	4,733.04				185.50
C A	RUTHERFORD	4,733.04		3,436.04		
C W T	SCARBOROUGH	4,733.04			431.89	31.90
J	SOUTHWARD	4,733.04				
A J	STEVENSON	4,733.04				
G C	STOTHARD	4,733.04				
M	STYTH	4,733.04				
J S	TOOTLE	4,733.04				
S	TWEEDIE	4,733.04				
P	VASEY	4,733.04				
A	WARWICK	4,733.04				
R	WATSON	4,733.04				
C F	WEBER	4,733.04				
J N	WEEDALL	4,733.04		1,094.04	444.75	27.33
D	WILSON	4,733.04				
CO OPTED MEMBERS		1,118.00		950.00		
T&S relating to site visits,					675.00	
Members' training and other						
approved duties *						
		247,127.46		92,079.73	17,672.41	2,309.65

VAT recovered on above

841.55

Cost to Carlisle City Council

16830.86

2309.65

** this expenditure cannot be identified at an individual level e.g coach hire