



CORPORATE RESOURCES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Committee Report

Public

Date of Meeting: 12 June 2008

Title: ELECTED MEMBERS ALLOWANCES - OUTTURN 2007/08

Report of: Head of Personnel and Development Services

Report reference: PPP 59/08

Summary:

This report sets out the amount of allowances paid to individual Members as part of the Elected Members' Allowances Scheme for 2007/08. It was received by the Executive on 29 May 2008.

Questions for / input required from Scrutiny:

None specifically.

Recommendations:

Members to comment upon the report.

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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

ELECTED MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES – OUTTURN 2007/08

Outturn 2007/08

- 1.1 Set out in the attached **Appendix 1**, are the amounts paid directly to Members as part of the Elected Members' Allowances Scheme for 2007/08 as required under paragraph 15 of the Local Authority (Members Allowances) (England) regulations 2003.

The position may be summarised as follows :

	Budget	Outturn	Variance
	£	£	£
Basic Allowance	238,900	237,279	(1,621)
Special Responsibility allowance	89,800	88,609	(1,191)
Dependent Carers' Allowance	0	27	27
Co Opted Members' Allowance	0	303	303
Travel – General	16,600	19,844	3244
Travel – Relating to Members' training	1,500	2,106	606
Subsistence General	3,900	4,541	641
Subsistence – Relating to Members' training	0	1,080	1080
Total	350,700	353,789	3089

- 1.2 The explanation as to why the Special Responsibility Allowances are under-spent is because budgets are allocated for a full year from April, whereas some committees did not sit until later in the year and therefore allowances were paid for part of the year only.
- 1.3 The details in respect of Travel & Subsistence expenses are provided in the table below. This suggests that the budgets have been overspent largely because of the engagement by Members in training resulting in expenses over and above the amount allocated. Particularly so when there is actually no specific budget allocated in respect of expenses incurred in relation to this: for example, Subsistence.

- 1.4 There have also been overspends on the Allowances Scheme budget for the previous two years (£5486 in 2005/6 and £208 in 2006/7) and so it does appear that existing budgets are insufficient to meet costs.
- 1.5 A breakdown of Members' Travel & Subsistence Expenditure is provided overleaf:

	Budget £	Outturn £
Public Transport		
Public transport costs in respect of attendance at committee meetings and other approved duties	2,000	1,098
Planning Site visits and other approved duties	600	800
MLDP* – Public Transport	0	0
Members' training - Executive group	200	369
Members' training - Labour group	300	681
Members' training - Conservative group	300	280
Members' training - Lib Dem group	100	249
	3,500	3,477
Mileage Expenses		
Mileage costs in respect of attendance at committee meetings and other approved duties	14,600	17,946
MLDP – Mileage	0	0
Members' training - Executive group	0	165
Members' training - Labour group	0	218
Members' training - Conservative group	0	144
Members' training - Lib Dem group	0	0
	14,600	18,473
Subsistence Expenses		
Subsistence costs in respect of attendance at committee meetings and other approved duties	3,900	4541
MLDP – Subsistence	0	0
Members' training - Executive group	0	15
Members' training - Labour group	0	761
Members' training - Conservative group	0	97
Members' training - Lib Dem group	0	207
	3,900	5621

* MLDP = Members' Learning & Development Programme

EXECUTIVE ACTIONS

At its meeting of 29 May the Executive:

- received the report, as detailed at Appendix 1, and noted the overall overspend of £3,089 on allowances for 2007/08
- agreed to review, as part of the budget process, whether further funding is needed to meet any shortfall in subsequent years.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Members to comment upon the report

David Williams
Head of Personnel & Development

MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES SUMMARY 2007/08

APPENDIX 1

			Became or ceased			
Init	Surname	Basic	to be a councillor	SRA	Travel	Subsistence
R E	ALDERSEY	395.73	02/05/07	0.00	0.00	0.00
T	ALLISON	4,572.00		2,452.49	146.10	309.00
P	ATKINSON	4,572.00		0.00	0.00	0.00
J R	BAINBRIDGE	4,572.00		0.00	94.70	0.00
J	BELL	4,166.42	03/05/07	0.00	0.00	0.00
R D	BLOXHAM	4,572.00		10,512.00	3,144.84	58.01
M W	BOADEN	4,572.00		4,209.00	344.40	104.73
C S	BOWMAN	395.73	02/05/07	0.00	117.29	36.88
M L	BOWMAN	4,572.00		6,303.00	1,516.23	86.81
H M	BRADLEY	4,572.00		0.00	0.00	0.00
N J	CLARKE	4,166.42	03/05/07	0.00	70.00	0.00
J R	COLLIER	4,572.00		0.00	156.24	0.00
J	DEVLIN	4,166.42	03/05/07	0.00	213.17	0.00
B H	DODD	395.73	02/05/07	91.28	109.55	0.00
B O	EARP	4,572.00		4,209.00	1,035.65	43.58
HDM	FARMER	4,572.00		0.00	139.60	5.40
J P	FARMER	4,572.00		5,438.88	602.96	18.98
S E	FISHER	4,572.00		0.00	344.33	12.95
J	GEDDES	4,572.00		4,105.13	1,036.27	351.52
A	GLENDINNING	4,572.00		0.00	0.00	0.00
C W	GLOVER	4,572.00		0.00	284.54	135.71
W J	GRAHAM	4,572.00		0.00	140.00	40.00
A	HARID	4,166.42	03/05/07	0.00	0.00	0.00
J D	HENDRY	4,572.00		0.00	1,986.68	489.50
K	HUNTER	4,166.42	03/05/07	0.00	0.00	0.00
R P	IM THURN	395.73	02/05/07	0.00	0.00	0.00
J D	JEFFERSON	395.73	02/05/07	545.56	361.76	0.00
J R	KNAPTON	4,572.00		6,303.00	1,775.62	0.00
N J	LISHMAN	4,572.00	04/05/06	0.00	0.00	0.00
O D	LUCKLEY	4,572.00		3,449.04	0.00	0.00
E A	MALLINSON	4,572.00		563.06	0.00	0.00
J	MALLINSON	4,166.42	03/05/07	5,438.88	278.93	0.00
M J	MARTLEW	4,572.00		0.00	67.70	185.51
H F	MCDEVITT	4,572.00		0.00	0.00	0.00
M R	MITCHELSON	4,572.00		16,821.00	3,246.24	482.60
D D	MORTON	4,572.00		1,056.00	0.00	0.00
D H	PARSONS	4,572.00		4,209.00	999.76	0.00
L	PATRICK	4,572.00		0.00	0.00	26.95*
J I	PREST	4,572.00		6,115.08	1,965.60	8.20
A	QUILTER	4,572.00		0.00	83.10	0.00
J B	REARDON	4,572.00		0.00	0.00	0.00
J	RIDDLE	4,572.00		0.00	42.36	152.67
C A	RUTHERFORD	4,572.00		3,449.04	12.83	0.00
C W T	SCARBOROUGH	4,572.00		0.00	441.62	0.00
J	SOUTHWARD	4,572.00		0.00	0.00	0.00
A J	STEVENSON	4,572.00		684.50	0.00	0.00
I	STOCKDALE	4,572.00		718.19	825.53	240.26
G C	STOTHARD	4,572.00		0.00	0.00	0.00
M	STYTH	4,572.00		0.00	242.58	0.00
A	TOOLE	395.73	02/05/07	0.00	0.00	0.00
J S	TOOTLE	4,572.00		0.00	0.00	0.00
S	TWEEDIE	4,572.00		0.00	0.00	0.00
P	VASEY	4,166.42	03/05/07		0.00	0.00
R	WARWICK	4,572.00		0.00	0.00	0.00
R	WATSON	4,572.00		0.00	0.00	0.00
C F	WEBER	4,572.00		0.00	0.00	0.00
J N	WEEDALL	4,572.00		1,056.00	362.17	111.84
D	WILSON	4,572.00		0.00	0.00	0.00
CO OPTED MEMBERS		303.48		880.00	0.00	0.00
T&S relating to site visits,					800.00	0.00
Members' training and other		0.00		0.00	105.75	2,843.62
approved duties **						
		237,582.80		88,609.13	23,094.10	5,717.77

VAT recovered on above

1142.67

95.35

Cost to Carlisle City Council

21951.43

5622.42

* DCA = Dependent Carers' Allowance

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