

CABINET

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MEMBERS ALLOWANCES – APPEALS AND DISPUTES COMMITTEE

REPORT OF CITY SECRETARY AND SOLICITOR

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RECENT REFERENCES:

CAB 493 – Members Allowances

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Following a recommendation from Cabinet on 16 October 2002 (Min. 424(c) refers), the Council on 30 October 2002 agreed that the Chairman of the Appeals and Disputes Committee should receive a Band 6 (now Band 5) Special Responsibility Allowance (SRA). This decision was based upon the heavy workload and number of meetings generated by appeals arising from the Job Evaluation process.

The SRA was agreed for the 2002/03 Municipal Year only, after which Council should again review the matter, having regard to the likely future work programme of the Committee.

The Director of Personnel estimates that there will be a need for eight or nine meetings of the Committee during the 2003/04 Municipal Year, based upon each meeting considering two appeals and lasting for most of a working day, together with additional work outside the meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Members recommend to Council whether or not a Special Responsibility Allowance should be paid to the Chairman of the Appeals and Disputes Committee for the 2003/04 Municipal Year.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

6. CORPORATE STRATEGY (RELEVANCE TO):

6.1 To be honest, equal and open.

7. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

7.1 Should an SRA be awarded, the cost (£2,232 pa) can be absorbed by the current budget.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:

None.

APPENDICES:

None.