

MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES

BASIC ALLOWANCE

A Members' Allowance Scheme must provide for the payment of a basic allowance each year to each Member of an Authority, the amount of which will be the same for each Member.

SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY ALLOWANCE

The Scheme may also provide for a Special Responsibility Allowance for those within one or more of the following categories:-

- (a) Acting as Leader or Deputy Leader of a Political Group
- (b) Presiding at Meetings of Committees
- (c) Acting as a Member of a Committee which meets with exceptional frequency or for exceptionally long periods
- (d) Acting as a spokesman of a Political Group on a Committee
- (e) Acting as a Member of a Committee which deals with any function arising under any enactment authorising the Authority to licence or control the carrying out of an activity

A Special Responsibility Allowance shall be paid to at least one person who is not a Member of the Controlling Group and has special responsibilities as described above.

PENSIONS

The Scheme shall set out which Members of the Authority are entitled to pensions and whether the Basic Allowance or the Special Responsibility Allowance or both may be treated as amounts in respect of which such pensions are payable. However, an Authority may only include someone who has been first recommended by the Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP) for the payment of a pension.

OTHER ALLOWANCES

The scheme may also provide for the payment to Members of a Dependant's Carer's Allowance, Travelling and Subsistence Allowance and Co-optees Allowance. A Co-optee's Allowance is payable to a person who is not a Member of the Authority but who is a Member of a Committee, i.e. the Standards Committee.