

HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

THURSDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2004 AT 10.30 AM

Agenda Item No:

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MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES 2004/5

Report of the County Secretary

1. Purpose of Report

To consider the report and recommendations of the Independent Panel and to make a Members' Allowances scheme for 2004/5, in the light of them.

2. Background

The Local Authorities (Members Allowances) Regulations 2003 require the Council to make a scheme for Members' Allowances and establish and maintain an independent panel to make recommendations to the Council about the scheme. The Council has a duty to have regard to the panel's advice before making (or subsequently amending) the scheme.

The County Council in November 2001 set up a panel of five, currently comprising:

Don Latham (Chairman), Colin Couch, Greg Grant, Margaret Jarvis and David Thomas.

3. The Panel's Deliberations

The Panel have met to consider what recommendations to make in respect of a scheme for 2004/5 and their report (dated January 2004) and recommendations are attached.

The Council is asked to agree upon a scheme for 2004/5, which has regard to the Panel's recommendations.

4. Financial Implications

The Panel's recommendations, if implemented, will have financial implications, which the Council will need to take into account when agreeing the budget at Item 9 on this agenda.