

ITEM 8

EXMOORNATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

RESOURCES COMMITTEE 18 OCTOBER 2005

MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES SCHEME

Report of the Head of Business Management

Purpose of Report:

To publish the amounts paid to Members in 2004/05 by way of the Members' Allowances Scheme adopted by the Authority for 2004/05

Legal and Financial Implications, including Human Rights Act 1998: Publication of the amounts paid to members through the Members' Allowance Scheme is required under The Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Resources Committee is recommended to NOTE the amounts paid to members in 2004/05 through its Scheme for Members' Allowances.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Members agreed the Scheme of Members' Allowances to be operated in 2004/05 at its meeting on 3 February 2004. In line with the scheme, the allowances were adjusted during the course of the year to reflect increases in recommended daily rates calculated by the Local Government Association and mileage rates set by the National Joint Council for Local Government Services.

2. Scheme of Allowances 2004/05

2.1 The various allowances paid to members are set out in Appendix 1.

2.2 As requested by members when considering the allowances paid for the previous year, 2003/04, a note has been added to explain that the amount of mileage allowances paid to members varies because of the distances that they need to travel to attend meetings and the number of meetings attended. This is supplemented by the final column on the appendix which shows the number of meetings actually attended by members in the year.

2.3 The new Scheme of Members' Allowances, under which Attendance Allowances were replaced by a standard Basic Allowance for all members, was adopted in September 2004 (Minute 39(1)). At that time the National Park Officer was asked to report annually to the Authority on the level of attendance at meetings by members. The last financial year was the first opportunity to do this over a complete year. Consequently, the actual number of Authority, Planning Committee, Resources Committee and Consultative Fora meetings attended by members have been included

alongside the allowances paid to members, which also serve to put the amounts paid into context. Now that this information has been collated for a full year, it is intended to re-convene the Members' Independent Remuneration Panel to review the Members' Allowances Scheme. This review will address the operation of the scheme and, as already requested by members, consider in particular the mileage rates paid with a view to making a recommendation for the adoption of a flat rate mileage allowance for all members from 1 April 2006. In practice, all Members receive the same rate per mile for official journeys as the Authority already has a de facto flat rate mileage allowances in that all members except one who drives a car with a particularly small engine.

Charles Burrows
Head of Business Management
10 October 2005

Background papers on which this report, or an important part of it are based, constitute the list of background papers required by Section 100 D (1) of the Local Government Act 1972 to be open to members of the public comprise:-

Appendix 1 is on t:\wp\enpc\Resources\res0510.App.xls

SUMMARY OF MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES PAID IN 2004/05

APPENDIX 1

Member <i>(Home town)</i>	Basic Allowance £	Co-optee's Allowance £	Special Responsibility Allowance £	Subsistence £	Mileage Allowance £	Total Allowances paid £	Attendance at Authority meetings Actual / Possible
Mrs A Amory <i>(Tiverton)</i>	1688.04		5064.00	40.90	1011.15	8115.09	24/25
Mr F J Bray <i>(Winsford)</i>	1688.04		0.00	5.95	275.51	2081.60	19/25
Mrs J Clark <i>(Combe Martin)</i>	1688.04		0.00	0.00	285.81	1977.25	17/25
Mrs A M Clitheroe	1688.04		0.00	337.46	2983.73	5469.99	19/25
Mrs A M Clitheroe - arrears <i>from 2003/04</i> <i>(Wootton Bassett)</i>	449.26						
Mr M A Collins <i>(Withypool)</i>	1688.04		3375.96	0.00	282.40	5348.90	25/30
Mr J Dallyn <i>(Parracombe)</i>	1688.04		0.00	0.00	302.58	1990.62	15/25
Mr W J Dyke <i>(Crewkerne)</i>	1688.04		422.04	26.90	2537.57	4676.35	23/30
Mr J Edwards <i>(Exford)</i>	1688.04		3375.96	8.85	636.17	5709.02	27/30
Mrs A Foxhantley <i>(Minehead)</i>	1688.04		0.00	0.00	242.91	1930.95	24/30
Mr M Gammon <i>(Dulverton)</i>	1688.04		0.00	0.00	0.00	1688.04	14/25
Mr D Gladding <i>(Yeovil)</i>	1688.04		0.00	0.00	756.35	2444.39	11/25
Mrs C Hodgson - <i>Standards Committee only</i> <i>(Crediton)</i>	0.00	112.50	0.00	0.00	64.89	177.39	n/a
Mr M Knight <i>(Combe Martin)</i>	1688.04		5064.00	33.15	840.67	7634.36	27/30
Mrs C Lawrence <i>(Minehead)</i>	1688.04		0.00	4.65	186.26	1878.95	17/25
Mr R J A Martin <i>(Wells)</i>	1688.04		0.00	0.00	512.44	2200.48	7/21
Mrs S Mew - <i>Standards Committee only</i> <i>(Carhampton)</i>	0.00		0.00	0.00	22.10	22.70	n/a
Mr A Moore <i>(Bridgwater)</i>	1688.04		0.00	0.00	0.00	1688.04	3/15
Mr R Morrison-Smith <i>(Exeter)</i>	1688.04		1688.04	0.00	1984.69	5371.27	24/30
Mr M J Pile <i>(Kentisbury)</i>	1688.04		0.00	26.15	350.88	2065.67	26/30
Mr S Pugsley <i>(Hawkridge)</i>	1688.04		6752.04	8.50	673.04	9403.62	21/25
Mr F Rawle <i>(Wheddon Cross)</i>	1688.04		0.00	0.00	150.79	1838.83	20/25
Mr M Robins <i>(Exeter)</i>	604.00		0.00	13.89	145.86	849.35	11/25
Miss E Stacey <i>(Okehampton)</i>	0.00		0.00	0.00	484.37	484.37	18/30
Mr M E Taylor <i>(Alcester nr Stratford on Avon)</i>	1688.04		422.04	0.00	2112.79	4228.27	19/30
Dr J Travis <i>(Lynton)</i>	1688.04		0.00	25.15	140.95	1963.24	27/30
Mr R Webber <i>(Wheddon Cross)</i>	1688.04		1688.04	0.00	404.76	3889.94	27/30
Mr B O Windsor <i>(Lynton)</i>	1688.04		0.00	7.30	716.32	2411.66	23/25
Mr J Yabsley <i>(Witheridge)</i>	1688.04		0.00	6.50	114.34	1808.88	11/25
TOTAL	41566.22	112.50	27852.12	545.35	18219.33	89349.22	

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NB It must be noted that the allowances paid vary to reflect the distances some members have to travel to attend meetings and the number of meetings attended.