

Committee:	Standards Committee	Agenda Item No.:	14.
Date:	10 th October 2012	Category	*
Subject:	Changes to Part 6 of the Constitution – Members Allowances	Status	Open
Report by:	Solicitor to the Council		
Other Officers involved:	Payroll Manager Democratic Services Officer		
Director	Chief Executive Officer		
Relevant Portfolio Holder	Not applicable – as this relates to all Members		

RELEVANT CORPORATE AIMS

STRATEGIC ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT – Continually improving our organisation by ensuring that Members have clear and effective guidance on what and how to claim allowances and expenses.

TARGETS

This does not relate to any target in the Corporate Plan but is part of the Constitution Review being undertaken at the current time.

VALUE FOR MONEY

This relates to the guidance Members are given about claiming allowances and expenses and is not recommending any change to what can be claimed for.

THE REPORT

In line with the current review of the Constitution, streamlining has taken place relating to Part 6 – Members Allowances. No substantive changes have been made to the content of the Allowance Scheme, as these would have to be subject to the recommendations of an Independent Remuneration Panel report to Council; however this is a fundamental restructuring of the section in order to make it more user friendly.

This means that a direct comparison with the existing section is not possible.

In addition the opportunity has been taken to remove references to legislation relating to the previous ethical framework.

ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

The draft revised version is attached for consideration.

IMPLICATIONS

Financial: None – there are no changes proposed to the amounts to be paid.
Legal: None other than the requirement to have a scheme in place.
Human Resources: None

RECOMMENDATION

To recommend to Council the approval of the streamlining to Part 6 of the Members Allowances section of the Constitution and the content of the draft Part 6 before Members.

ATTACHMENT: **Y – draft Part 6 Members Allowances.**
FILE REFERENCE: ***None***
SOURCE DOCUMENT: ***The Constitution.***