PERSONNEL AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Monday, 16th February, 2009

35 MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES

The Head of Democratic and Community Services reported that the Council was required to have regard to the report of the Independent Remuneration Panel before making a change to the Members' Scheme of Allowances. The report of the Panel was attached at Appendix 1 to the report.

The Panel had made 4 recommendations:

i) That the Basic Allowance, Special Responsibility Allowances and

Co-optees Allowances be increased by the percentage awarded to staff for 2009/10 from 1 April 2009 (rounded).

ii) That the Special Responsibility Allowance paid to Members of the Licensing Act Committee be retained.

iii) That no Special Responsibility Allowance be paid to the Vice-Chairman of the Planning Committee.

iv) That the Special Responsibility Allowance paid to the Leader of the Council not be increased for 2009-10 except for the inflation allowance included at Recommendation 1.

RESOLVED:

To agree the 4 recommendations of the Panel and to recommend to Council that it make a Scheme of Members' Allowances for 2009/10 based on the Independent Remuneration Panel report.