

Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council

To: Corporate, Policy and Resources Committee

Members' Allowances

Date 06/11/2015

For Decision

1.0 Reporting to Corporate, Policy and Resources Committee

Linkage to Corporate Plan	
Strategic Priority	Governance
Objective	Update of Scheme of Allowances
Lead Officer	David Wright
Cost: (If applicable)	Included in current estimates

1.1 Background

Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council has established a scheme of allowances payable to Members for the current period. The scheme provides for the payment of allowances to Councillors on the basis that:

- 1 – The maximum level of basic allowance as determined by the Department of the Environment (DoE) is paid
- 2 – The maximum level of carers allowances as determined by the DoE are paid
- 3 – The maximum level of mileage rates as determined by the DoE are paid
- 4 – Councillors' payments are made on the third last banking day of each month

1.2 Detail

The Department of the Environment (DoE) has issued under Circular 29/2015 updated and consolidated guidance on the levels of allowance payable a copy of which is attached as an appendix.

The circular sets out new increased rates for Carer's Allowance taking into account an increase in the minimum wage on which the allowance is based. This is the only change required to our scheme of allowances in order to comply with the guidance. The change is effective from 1st October 2015.

1.3 Recommendation

It is recommended that Council updates the current scheme of allowances to reflect the change in Carer's Allowance being effective from 1 October 2015.