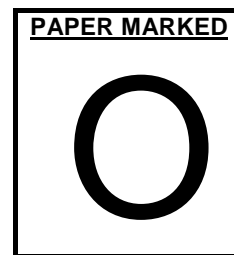


# **LEICESTERSHIRE POLICE AUTHORITY**



Meeting        **POLICE AUTHORITY**

Date            **TUESDAY 27 APRIL 2010 – 2.00 P.M.**

Report of      **CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

Subject        **MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES SCHEME**

## **Purpose of Report**

1.     The purpose of this report is to propose amending the scheme to include extending the existing allowance for Association of Police Authorities' training events to those put on or organised by the National Policing Improvement Agency.

## **Commentary**

2.     The current Members' Allowances Scheme was last published on 31 March 2010 to amend the allowances and daily rates in accordance with the annual uplift agreed within the scheme. Any substantive amendment to the scheme, including the rate of allowances, has been delayed until after any Authority committee structures are settled as part of the Authority Development Programme.
3.     However an issue has arisen in relation to training events. The current scheme provides that "any member will be paid an allowance of £215 per day or £107.50 per half day to attend specific Association of Police Authorities policy group and network meetings, conferences and training events, including attendance at the Chairman's Awayday, on behalf of the Leicestershire Police Authority (unless an attendance allowance is paid by the APA)".
4.     This rule was introduced by the Authority decision of 25 January 2007 (minute 13/07) when it adopted the suggestion from its Independent Remuneration Panel for Members' Allowances. Previously the daily allowance had not provided an allowance for conferences and training. However the independent panel considered that "attendance at conferences and training events organised by the Association of Police Authorities provided a valuable opportunity for Members to broaden their knowledge base and increase their understanding of the wider issues affecting Police Authorities. The Panel therefore felt that to encourage attendance at such events an allowance should be paid". The Authority concurred with that conclusion and introduced the daily allowance for conferences and training by the APA. The reason that the training was limited to events organised by the APA was that this was felt to be the best quality training available for Members. In recent times the NPIA have taken the burden of training provision away from the APA and training events are "badged" either jointly NPIA and APA or solely NPIA.
5.     For the avoidance of doubt, it is therefore suggested that the Members' Allowances Scheme be revised to include training undertaken by the NPIA.

## **Recommendation**

6. Members are recommended to make this modest amendment to the Members' Allowances Scheme.

## **Implications**

Financial: makes more training open to the additional daily rate for members. Legal: amendments to the Scheme cannot come into force until approved and published. Diversity: none. Risk Management: none.

## **Background Papers**

None.

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