

GREATER MANCHESTER INTEGRATED TRANSPORT AUTHORITY

REPORT FOR RESOLUTION

DATE: 18 December 2009
SUBJECT: Members' Allowances
REPORT OF: The Clerk to the Authority

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To seek the views of members on what action, if any, should be taken in respect of members' allowances in the light of the recent pay award to public sector employees.

RECOMMENDATIONS

To consider whether or not Members' Allowances should be up-rated in line with the 1% pay award for officers for 2009/10.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Information held on file in GMITA offices

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1. Background

- 1.1 Prior to 2008 the Authority's Scheme of Members' Allowances was based on the Local Government Association's 'daily session' rate. The LGA rate is advisory only and relates to annual median percentage increase in earnings for all full time employees in Great Britain. However, an examination of the indices utilised by the Greater Manchester district councils showed that the majority used the annual percentage increase given to officers as agreed by the Joint Negotiating Committee.
- 1.2 At its meeting on 17 November 2008 the Authority accepted the recommendation of an Independent Review that Members' Allowances should be indexed to the local government annual percentage salary increase on the basis that it:
- would treat members and officers of the GMITA equally; and
 - bore a relationship to what was regarded as affordable in local government.
- 1.3 The percentage salary increase awarded to local government employees for 2009/10 is 1% back-dated to 1 April 2009.

2. Recommendations

A full list of recommendations appears at the front of the report.

**SIR HOWARD BERNSTEIN
CLERK TO THE AUTHORITY**