

# Causeway Coast & Glens

## Borough Council

To: Corporate Policy & Resources Committee

Date: 16<sup>th</sup> June 2015

### Correspondence Report

#### 1. Re-circulation of Remuneration Report and latest Councillors' Allowances Guidance

The DOE NI held its quarterly Finance Working Group meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2015 in which it was agreed to re-send links to elected members on the following.

#### **Report of the Northern Ireland Councillors' Remuneration Panel to the minister for Environment (dated Nov 2013)**

This report makes recommendations for Councillors to be fairly compensated for increased responsibilities that Councils take on in 2015 after the reform programme.

<http://www.doeni.gov.uk/councillors-remuneration-and-allowances-annex-a.pdf>

#### **Circular LG 04/2015 Guidance on Councillors' Allowances (dated Feb 2015)**

This guidance relates to allowances applicable from 1 April 2015. This follows the review of allowances carried out by an independent Councillors' Allowances Remuneration Panel which was appointed in May 2013. The panel reviewed allowances for councillor serving on the 11 new Councils from 1 April 2015 and during the shadow period in 2014/2015. The Panel submitted their recommendations to the Minister of the Environment on the 1 November 2013. Subsequently the Minister advised the Assembly in a written statement of the new levels of allowances on 19 March 2014.

[http://www.doeni.gov.uk/circular\\_lg\\_04\\_2015\\_-\\_councillors\\_allowances\\_guidance\\_2015.pdf](http://www.doeni.gov.uk/circular_lg_04_2015_-_councillors_allowances_guidance_2015.pdf)

[http://www.doeni.gov.uk/covering\\_letter\\_for\\_circular\\_lg\\_04\\_2015\\_-\\_guidance\\_on\\_councillor\\_allowances.pdf](http://www.doeni.gov.uk/covering_letter_for_circular_lg_04_2015_-_guidance_on_councillor_allowances.pdf)

[http://www.doeni.gov.uk/addendum\\_to\\_local\\_government\\_circular\\_04\\_2015\\_guidance\\_on\\_councillor\\_allowances.pdf](http://www.doeni.gov.uk/addendum_to_local_government_circular_04_2015_guidance_on_councillor_allowances.pdf)

These documents can be found on the DOE website.

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