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SUBJECT: SCHEME OF MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES

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Background Papers:

Implications (tick ✓):

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| ENVIRONMENTAL | | POLICY | |
| CORPORATE RISK | Known | OTHER (please specify) | |
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Any implications affecting this report are noted at the end of the report.

PURPOSE:

To consider whether members should be eligible to receive more than one Special Responsibility Allowance.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Scheme of Members' Allowances be amended to provide that a Member may be paid no more than one Special Responsibility Allowance.

1. Law and Practice on Special Responsibility Allowances

- 1.1 At its last meeting the Authority reviewed the Scheme of Member Allowances and made some amendments to the Special Responsibility Allowances (SRAs) payable under the Scheme. During discussion of this item a question was raised about whether it was lawful for a member to receive more than one SRA and I agreed to look into that question.
- 1.2 I have found no provision in the Regulations that covers this question. However, in my experience and from the research I have undertaken, it seems to be general practice for local authorities to include a provision in their Schemes providing that members can receive no more than one SRA.

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