



## Belfast City Council

<b>Report to:</b>	Strategic Policy and Resources Committee
<b>Subject:</b>	Approval of Allowances for the Lord Mayor, Deputy Lord Mayor and High Sheriff
<b>Date:</b>	Friday, 20th June, 2008
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Mr. Liam Steele, Head of Committee and Members' Services
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### Relevant Background Information

It has been practice for the Entertainment and Personal Allowances paid to the Lord Mayor, the Deputy Lord Mayor and the High Sheriff to be reviewed annually.

The Lord Mayor's Personal and Entertainment Allowances for the year 2007/2008 were £32,200 and £24,000 respectively. The Deputy Lord Mayor's and the High Sheriff's Entertainment Allowances had each been £630 and the Personal Allowance of both Office-bearers was £4,760.

### Key Issues

The Personal and Entertainment Allowances should take into account increases in the cost of living, which is running currently at approximately 3%.

### Resource Implications

Provision for these increases has been made in the Revenue Estimates of the Council for the current financial year.

### Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee approves the increasing of the Lord Mayor's Personal and Entertainment Allowances to £33,200 and £24,700 respectively and the Deputy Lord Mayor's and the High Sheriff's Personal and Entertainment Allowances to £5,000 and £700 respectively.

### Key to Abbreviations

Not applicable