



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Strategic Policy and Resources Committee
Subject:	Allowances for the Lord Mayor, Deputy Lord Mayor and High Sheriff
Date:	Friday, 21st May, 2010
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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 2009/2010 were £33,800 and £25,150 respectively. The Deputy Lord Mayor's and the High Sheriff's Entertainment Allowances had each been £715 and the Personal Allowance of both Office-bearers was £5,100.

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 £34,800 and £25,900 respectively and the Deputy Lord Mayor's and the High Sheriff's Personal and Entertainment Allowances to £5,250 and £735 respectively.

Key to Abbreviations

Not applicable

