



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Strategic Policy and Resources Committee
Subject:	Allowances for the Lord Mayor, Deputy Lord Mayor and High Sheriff
Date:	3 rd June, 2011
Reporting Officer:	Stephen McCrory, Democratic Services Manager (ext 6314)

1	Relevant Background Information
1.1	<p>It has been the practice for the Personal and Entertainments Allowances paid to the Lord Mayor, the Deputy Lord Mayor and the High Sheriff to be reviewed annually.</p> <p>The Lord Mayor's Personal and Entertainments Allowances for 2010/11 were £34,800 and £25,900 respectively. Both the Deputy Lord Mayor's and the High Sheriff's Personal and Entertainments Allowances had been set at £6,250 and £735 respectively.</p>

2	Key Issues
2.1	<p>The established practice has been that the Personal and Entertainments Allowances should take into account increases in the cost of living by increasing the allowances in line with the Consumer Price Index.</p>

3	Resource Implications
3.1	<p>Provision for these increases has been made in the revenue budget.</p>

4	Equality and Good Relations Implications
4.1	None.

5	Recommendations
5.1	It is recommended that the Committee approves the increasing of the Personal and Entertainments Allowances for the Lord Mayor, the Deputy Lord Mayor and the High Sheriff in accordance with the Consumer Price Index as at 1 st May, 2011.

6	Decision Tracking
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