



## Belfast City Council

<b>Report to:</b>	Strategic Policy and Resources Committee
<b>Subject:</b>	Allowances for the Lord Mayor, Deputy Lord Mayor and High Sheriff
<b>Date:</b>	Friday, 8th May, 2009
<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 2008/2009 were £33,200 and £24,700 respectively. The Deputy Lord Mayor's and the High Sheriff's Entertainment Allowances had each been £700 and the Personal Allowance of both Office-bearers was £5,000.

### Key Issues

The Personal and Entertainment Allowances should take into account increases in the cost of living.

### 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 and the Deputy Lord Mayor's and the High Sheriff's Personal and Entertainment Allowances in accordance with the Consumer Price index as at 1st June, 2009.

### Decision Tracking

If the Committee adopts the recommendation, the rise in the Consumer Price Index as at 1st June will be confirmed with the Director of Corporate Services and applied to the allowances.

Officer responsible – Mr. Jim Hanna, Senior Committee Administrator.

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