

REPORT OF CABINET

(Meeting held on 3 October 2012)

1. NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK – SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT: PARKING STANDARDS (REPORT A) (MINUTE NO 27)

In June 2012 the Planning and Transportation Portfolio Holder agreed to the publication of new draft planning standards for public consultation. The parking standards will form part of the Council's local development framework, guiding the parking that should be provided for a range of developments. The statutory consultation period expired on 5 August 2012, and the Cabinet have considered the responses received and agreed some amendments to take account of points raised. The exercise will make the Council's parking standards consistent with the adopted core strategy.

RECOMMENDED:

- (a) *That the Parking Standards Supplementary Planning Document, as set out in Appendix B to Report A to the Cabinet, be adopted as part of the Local Development Framework for the New Forest District (outside the National Park);*
- (b) *That the Head of Planning and the Principal Engineer (Transportation), in consultation with the Portfolio Holder and appropriate officers, be authorised to make minor editorial changes to the document; and*
- (c) *That on adoption of this Supplementary Planning Document, the previous Supplementary Planning Document "The Provision of Car Parking Space in Residential Development (outside the New Forest National Park)" – February 2008 be withdrawn*

2. AMENDMENT OF MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES SCHEME – SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY ALLOWANCE FOR CHAIRMAN OF AUDIT COMMITTEE (REPORT C) (MINUTE NO 29)

The Cabinet have considered the report and recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel on the payment of a special responsibility allowance to the Chairman of the newly formed Audit Committee, established on 1 July 2012. It has taken over the responsibilities of the former Final Accounts Committee, including approval of the Statement of Accounts and the consideration of the external auditor's annual letter. It has also inherited part of the Governance role of the Standards Committee. As this is a new role the Panel found it difficult to evaluate the role and time that would be needed. After considering the Committee's Terms of Reference and undertaking research among the other district councils in Hampshire and the South East, they have estimated that the Chairman will need to spend 1.5 days per month on this role and have recommended a commensurate level of special responsibility allowance. The allowance will however be reviewed in the light of experience, as part of the overall review of the Members' Allowances Scheme at the end of 2013.

The Cabinet noted that there would be no increase in the cost of members' allowances as a result of this amendment to the Scheme.

RECOMMENDED:

- (a) *That it be recommended to the Council that the Members' Allowance Scheme be amended to include a special responsibility allowance of £1,917 to the Chairman of the Audit Committee (based on a time input of 1.5 days per month), backdated to 1 July 2012.*
- (b) *That the co-optees' allowances to the independent and parish council members, and the special responsibility allowances for the Chairman and the Chairman of the Consideration and Hearings Sub-Committee of the Standards Committee, be abolished.*
- (c) *That it be noted that the Independent Remuneration Panel will re-examine the level of the special responsibility allowance to the Chairman of the Audit Committee when next it undertakes the required four-yearly review of the Council's Members' Allowances Scheme, at the end of 2013.*

**Cllr B Rickman
CHAIRMAN**