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Dear Sir/Madam

COUNCILLORS' ALLOWANCES

The Department has now determined new maximum rates of allowances, payable under the Local Government (Payments to Councillors) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007.

In its report of June 2006, the Councillors' Remuneration Working Group recommended that any increase in councillors' allowances should be in line with the annual increase in the pay of local government officers. Although negotiations relating to the 2009/2010 pay settlement in Northern Ireland are ongoing, Mr Sammy Wilson, Minister of the Environment, has agreed that an increase of 2.5% should be applied to councillors' allowances with effect from 1 April 2009. This is in line with the 2.5% increase in councillors' allowances in other regions and conforms with current public sector pay policy.

A copy of each of the formal determinations is attached, detailing the rates for Basic Allowance and Special Responsibility Allowance, with effect from 1 April 2009.

Yours faithfully

M F T FINNEGAN (MISS)

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1972

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PAYMENTS TO COUNCILLORS) REGULATIONS (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1999

DETERMINATION OF MAXIMUM RATE OF BASIC ALLOWANCE

The Department of the Environment, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 36 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 1972(a), as amended by Article 9 of the Financial Provisions (Northern Ireland) Order 1978(b), and now vested in it(c), hereby determines that, with effect from 1 April 2009, the maximum amount of basic allowance payable under the Local Government (Payments to Councillors) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999(d), as amended by the Local Government (Payments to Councillors) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007(e) shall not exceed £9,738 per councillor per annum.

Dated this 25th day of June 2009.



A senior officer of the Department of the Environment

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- (a) 1972 c.9 (N.I)
 - (b) S.I.1978/1041 (N.I. 11)
 - (c) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1973 No.504 Art.7 (1); Northern Ireland Constitution Act 1973 (c.36) Sch.5 para 8(1)
S.I. 1976/424 (N.I. 6)
 - (d) S.R. 1999 No.449
 - (e) S.R. 2007 No.168



LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1972

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PAYMENTS TO COUNCILLORS) REGULATIONS (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1999

DETERMINATION OF MAXIMUM RATES OF SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY ALLOWANCE

The Department of the Environment, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 36 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 1972 (a), as amended by Article 9 of the Financial Provisions (Northern Ireland) Order 1978 (b), and now vested in it (c), hereby determines that, with effect from 1 April 2009, the maximum amounts of special responsibility allowance payable under the Local Government (Payments to Councillors) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999(d), as amended by the Local Government (Payments to Councillors) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007(e) shall not exceed the amounts specified in the following table:-

A DISTRICT COUNCIL WITH A POPULATION	TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE IN A FINANCIAL YEAR	MAXIMUM RATE PAYABLE TO INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS
(Column 1)	(Column 2)	(Column 3)
Exceeding 200,000	£82,000	One-fifth of the amount in Column 2
100,000 – 200,000	£61,500	One-fifth of the amount in Column 2
50,000 – 100,000	£30,750	One-fifth of the amount in Column 2
Not exceeding 50,000	£20,500	One-fifth of the amount in Column 2

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