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CABINET

19 November 2008 – 6.00 pm

PRESENT:

Councillor B Coleman (in the Chair); Councillors Ames, Peck, Shrimplin and Stone.

Councillors Castle, Walker and Williamson attended by invitation.

Mr R Packham (Managing Director), Mrs J Ratcliffe (Executive Director – Customers and Resources), Mr S Duncan (Head of Financial Services), Mr T Howard (Head of Regeneration and Environment), Mr R Neve (Service Manager – Property) and Mr R Hodds (Member Services Manager and Scrutiny Officer).

1. MINUTES

The minutes of 3 and 22 October 2008 were confirmed.

2. ISSUES ARISING FROM SCRUTINY, ADVISORY GROUPS AND REGULATORY COMMITTEES

Cabinet was advised that there were no outstanding issues to consider.

3. FORWARD PLAN – 1 NOVEMBER 2008 TO 28 FEBRUARY 2009

Cabinet received the Forward Plan for the period 1 November 2008 to 28 February 2009.

4. MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES 2008/09

Cabinet considered the Member Services Manager and Scrutiny Officer's report which set out the recommendations for Members' Allowances for the Municipal Year 2008/09 which would be effective as from 1 May 2008.

Members were reminded that Council in April 2006 agreed that in future, Members' Allowances will be annually index-linked to the Local Government's Staff Pay Award. Whilst the Pay Award has not been formally agreed by the Management and UNISON the offer on the table of 2.45% increase has now been paid to staff in anticipation of agreement being reached in the near future. In the event of the employer's offer being increased then obviously the necessary adjustments will be made. Pending the final agreement being reached it is proposed that the Members' Allowances be increased by 2.45% and then adjusted if necessary.

RESOLVED:

That Council be recommended to agree to the following proposed scheme of Members' Allowances with effect from 1 May 2008:-

(a) To increase the basic allowance from £3,483 to £3,568.

(b) SRA's as follows:-

		£
Leader	1	9,828
Cabinet Members	5	5,459
Shadow Cabinet Members	5	891
Cabinet Support Members	5	891
Shadow Leader	1	4,139
Mayor (Chairman of Council)	1	1,783
Deputy Mayor	1	715
Scrutiny Committee		
Chairman	1	3,568
Vice-Chairman	1	715
Audit and Risk Committee		
Chairman	1	3,568
Vice-Chairman	1	715
Regulatory Committees		
- Housing Appeals	Chairman	1 891
- Licensing	Chairman	1 1,871
- Appeals	Chairman	1 270
Development Control Committee		
Chairman	1	3,568
Vice-Chairman	1	715
BASIC ALLOWANCES		
All Members	39	3,568

5. 2008/09 BUDGET MONITORING

Cabinet received the Head of Financial Services' report which presented a General Fund Revenue Budget Performance Review as at 31 October for the seven months from 1 April to 31 October 2008.

6. LOCAL GOVERNMENT RE-ORGANISATION WORKING PARTY

The Chairman reported that a meeting of the above Working Party would be held during the second week of December to consider issues with regard to Local Government Re-organisation.

7. ISSUES DETERMINED BY THE CABINET UNDER THE TERMS OF THE CONSTITUTION

(a) **Council Tax – Tax Base**

(b) **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

RESOLVED:

That under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph of Part I of Schedule 12A of the said Act.

(c) **New Lease of East Quay to Great Yarmouth Port Company**

8. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The meeting ended at 6.15 pm.