

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY FOR WALES**LEGISLATION COMMITTEE REPORT****The Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2000**

These regulations increase the allowances payable to members of local authorities and other bodies by amending the following provisions of the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) Regulations 1991 –

Regulation 17(2) – allowances for attending conferences and meetings.

Regulation 18(1) – attendance allowance payable to community council members.

Regulation 18(2) – financial loss allowance payable to members of community councils.

The increases are the same as increases made for England.

Standing Order 11.5

No points have been identified as matters in respect of which the Committee needs to invite the Assembly to pay special attention, under Standing Order 11.5.

There are, however, some general observations which it is considered should be drawn to the attention of the Assembly.

General Observations**Explanatory Note**

Readers would find the first paragraph easier to follow if it was split into 2 sentences. Also, it is suggested that the first paragraph is made unnecessarily complicated by the inclusion of the wording - ", in England, a parish or, in Wales,"

Similarly, the final paragraph would be easier to follow if the reference to the revocation of existing instruments was in a separate sentence, or possibly a separate paragraph.

Regulation 2(1) – footnotes

The footnote draws attention to the fact that the main 1991 Regulations have been amended

by SIs 1999 1086 and 1087. But regulation 3 then revokes those instruments. Thus to avoid the reader of regulation 2(1) looking, unnecessarily, for the amending instruments, it would be helpful if the footnote identified the fact that these instruments are being revoked.

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