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Dear Colleagues

Following the introduction of Regulations in 2003, Parish and Town Councils were invited to adopt a Members' Allowances Scheme, similar to that operated by District Councils. The scheme *could* include payment of a Basic Allowance to Parish Councillors, as well as travel and subsistence rates.

Since that time, there were no requests from Parishes for a Basic Allowance to be considered, but a Travel and Subsistence Scheme was produced and a copy forwarded to Clerks for adoption.

As both the District and Parish schemes must have a full review at least every four years, the Members' Independent Remuneration Panel will convene in October 2014. Should any Parish Council wish to comment on the existing Travel and Subsistence Allowances Scheme for Parish Councils please forward these to me and I will submit these to the Panel. Parish Councils are also asked whether they wish further consideration to be given by the Remuneration Panel to the possibility of the introduction of a Basic Allowance. Please note that a Parish Council would have to meet the costs of the Panel in devising a Basic Allowance Scheme, which is likely to be in region of at least £1500.

Should you wish to make any representation, I would be grateful for a response by Friday 19 September 2014.

Kind Regards,

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