

COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE EXPENSES

MILEAGE ALLOWANCES

The Chancellor's Budget has confirmed new mileage rates allowed for tax purposes. It is proposed that these should be adopted throughout HPC, for Council and Committee Members, Staff and others:

Up to 10,000 miles	40p
Over 10,000 miles	25p

These rates apply irrespective of the cc rating of the vehicle used.

The Committee is asked to approve the above rates

TAX ON EXPENSES

P11D dispensation is being sought on our behalf by BDO Stoy Hayward. We are optimistic that this will be received. One was in place for CPSM.

It is planned that a BDO Stoy Hayward tax consultant address the committee at its next meeting concerning tax on fees.

EXPENSE REGIME FOR STAFF AND OTHERS (Non-Council)

Work is continuing on this and should be completed prior to the next Council Meeting.

The Committee is asked to authorise some of its number to review and approve the proposals so that they can be tabled at the Council Meeting (14th May)

LEGAL EXPENSES INSURANCE

A quote is being sought from the Markel Syndicate 3000 at Lloyd's who are prepared to cover "extraordinary" legal charges, say over or £100,000 per case. Details of costs for the last 3 years are attached. Details of individual case costs in the same period have been sent to Markel. (Only one case exceeded £25,000 (£62,000 and ongoing).)

It is intended that a representative will attend and discuss quotes.

The Committee is asked to decide whether such cover is appropriate and authorise expenditure as necessary.