

EXPENSES POLICY

At the last (inquorate) meeting the Committee discussed potential amendments to the current policy in the light of anomalies that had arisen when Council Members and Partners were paid different attendance allowances when attending the same panel, committee or training days.

Some partners, senior in their own professional life, had indicated that they might be unwilling to accept Standard rather than First Class travel: this applied mainly to train fares.

Those present concluded that they wished to recommend the following:

- Council Members should continue to receive attendance allowances of £260, irrespective of what they were attending, as long as it was legitimate, pre-organised and managed work or training, i.e. not casual attendance.
- Partners should be permitted to claim First Class rail travel if they so wished, as long as the single journey time exceeded 90 minutes.

The Committee is asked to endorse these recommendations for subsequent ratification by Council at its December meeting.