

Stephen Tautz

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Hi Stephen

The general consensus amongst the Members (including the Leader) I have spoken to suggests that they would be supportive of allowances going up this year and gradually over a period of years to closing the gap between what is recommended and what is actually paid. It is up to Members how much this would be, if at all, but the Committee might wish to put forward a suggestion. Whether Members will be prepared to support it in the glare of publicity at a Council meeting may be another matter of course!

My second point is that as Chairman of licensing I get the same allowance as all the sub-committee Chairmen, of which I am also one. I am not terribly exercised about it but the Chairman's role is rather more than that as I have regular liaison meetings with Officers, chair the main committee twice a year, have met and liaised with delegations of taxi drivers most years, and liaise with Neighbourhoods officers and the police over enforcement activities in response our concerns (often as a result of complaints from the public, taxi drivers or the police). I have also been out with enforcement officers on a late night survey of taxi and club licences in Loughton. I also attend seminars in London on licensing law as well as case law once or twice a year. Whilst these activities are not essential to my role I feel that to do the job conscientiously I should be pro-active in order to make sure the Council is carrying out its licensing duties in as professional manner as we can. I am happy to leave it to the Committee to decide whether this is an extra responsibility that needs to be recognised.

Thanks

Ken



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