

**REGULATION 5(1), THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES (MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES)  
(ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2003**

**Special Responsibility Allowances (NOTE: those categories applicable to the Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Authority are indicated in *bold, italics*).**

“A scheme made under this Part may provide... for the payment for each year for which that scheme relates of an allowance (“special responsibility allowance”) to such members of the authority as have such special responsibilities in relation to the authority as are specified in the scheme and are within one or more of the following categories:

- (a). acting as leader or deputy leader of a political group within the authority;
- (b). acting as a member of an executive where the authority are operating executive arrangements within the meaning of Part II of the Local Government Act 2000;
- (c). ***presiding at meetings of a committee or sub-committee of the authority, or a joint committee of the authority and one or more other authorities, or a sub-committee of such a joint committee;***
- (d). ***representing the authority at meetings of, or arranged by, any other body;***
- (e). ***acting as a member of a committee or sub-committee of the authority which meets with exceptional frequency or for exceptionally long periods;***
- (f). acting as the spokesman of a political group on a committee or sub-committee of the authority;
- (g). acting as a member of an adoption panel within the meaning of the Adoption Agencies Regulations 1983;
- (h). acting as a member of any committee or sub-committee that deals with any function arising under any enactment authorising the authority to license or control the carrying on of any activity;
- (i). ***carrying out such other activities in relation to the discharge of the authority's functions as require of the member an amount of time and effort equal to or greater than would be required of him by any one of the activities mentioned in sub-paragraphs (a) to (h) (whether or not that activity is specified in the scheme).***”