

# Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council

To: Corporate, Policy and Resources Committee

Councillors Allowances

Date 15/09/15

For Information

## 1.0 Reporting to Committee

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| <b>Linkage to Corporate Plan</b> |                                |
| <b>Strategic Priority</b>        | Compliance with DoE Regulation |
| <b>Objective</b>                 | Councillors Allowances         |
| <b>Lead Officer</b>              | David Wright                   |
| <b>Cost: (If applicable)</b>     |                                |

## 1.1 Background

Department of the Environment (DoE) regulation governs the payments of allowances and expenses reimbursements to members.

## 1.2 Detail

Regulation 2 of the Local Government (Payment to Councillors) Regulations (NI) 2012 currently restricts site visits from being considered as an approved duty of a councillor and therefore prevents any payments or reimbursement to members in this regard. The regulations however were intended to be amended to have this restriction removed given the transfer of planning functions to Councils at 1 April 2015, to date this change has not been made to the regulations. Council has however received written confirmation from the DoE that the intention is still to make the necessary amendment and that these amendments will apply retrospectively from 1 April 2015. A copy of the correspondence from DoE on the matter is attached.