

To: SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE		Subject: INCREASE IN ADOPTION ALLOWANCES FOR 2006/07.
From: DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WORK		
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1. Purpose of Report/Introduction

The purpose of this report is to seek committee approval for increased Adoption Allowances and Link Carers Allowances to be paid in 2006/07.

2. Background

- 2.1. The Council has increased the above allowances each year in line with the increase recommended by COSLA.
- 2.2. COSLA previously provided an annual update on a variety of allowances and fees. However, all they have been doing is applying an across the board increase reflecting the overall yearly inflation increase. They have decided to stop recommending a rate and leave it to individual local authorities to decide what rate is appropriate, taking into account each authorities circumstances.
- 2.3. It is proposed that payments for 2006/07 be increased by 2.5% in line with inflation.

3. Rates Proposed For 2006/2007

3.1. Adoption Allowances

<u>Ages</u>	<u>Weekly Rate 2005/2006</u>	<u>Proposed Rate 2006/2007</u>
0 - 4	£65.67	£67.31
5 - 10	£81.49	£83.53
11 - 15	£101.44	£103.98
16 - 18	£131.35	£134.63

4. Recommendation

- 4.1. Committee is asked to approve the new rates detailed at 3.1 above effect from 1 April 2006.



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