

Dear Councillor

We write following the attached story on The Worthing Page (www.facebook.com/worthingtown) to respectfully ask you to consider waiving the proposed 16% increase in your basic allowance this year and link future increases to that of WBC employees.

Whilst people understand that there has not been an increase in the allowance for some years and that the Worthing allowance is one of the lower ones in the country, an increase of such size does not seem appropriate considering the current financial climate of pay freezes and redundancies.

Please take the time follow the link below to read the responses of real Worthing people and seriously consider if it is appropriate to accept the proposed increase. Please pay careful attention to the number of people who "Liked" the story (currently over 500)

<http://www.facebook.com/worthingtown/posts/443057305717391>

We have already had one Councillor publicly say that they will waive the increase in their allowance this year. Will you do the right thing, and do the same?

If you feel that the rise is justified please reply explaining why and this will be made available to followers of The Worthing Page.

We plan a follow up to this email in **one week** and will be publishing a list of all Councillors who opt to waive the increase, those who decline and those who do not offer any reply.

The people of Worthing look forward to hearing from you on this important issue as a matter of urgency.

Yours faithfully,

Ed - The Worthing Page

NB: The Worthing Page is a community Page based on the social networking site Facebook. We have over 12,600 followers and reach over 70,000 people per week in hits, likes and comments.