

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

This instrument contains a provision to increase from £49.50 to £58.50 the limit of earnings from a councillor's allowance in relation to incapacity benefit. The increase is partly consequential on an order under section 150 of the Social Security Administration Act 1992 (up-rating of benefits), and also aligns the councillors' allowance limit with the therapeutic earnings limit in incapacity benefits. As a consequence of this increase, regulation 5 of the Social Security Benefits Up-rating Regulations 1999 (S.I.1999/858) is revoked.

The increase is also relevant for the purposes of severe disablement allowance by virtue of regulation 8A of the Social Security (Severe Disablement Allowance) Regulations 1984 (S.I. 1984/1303, as amended by regulation 2(6) of S.I. 1994/2947).

These Regulations do not impose any costs on business.