



LOCAL AUTHORITIES (MEMBERS ALLOWANCES) (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2003

MEMBERS ALLOWANCES INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL

PUBLICATION OF ADOPTED MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES SCHEME

NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to the above Regulations, the City Council has amended its Members Allowances Scheme and adopted a revised Scheme, after having regard to the report of the Independent Remuneration Panel. The provisions of the Scheme take effect from 18 May 2011 and shall remain in force until such time as the Council determines to amend the Scheme, having first had regard to the further recommendations of the Panel on the issues at that time.

The main features of the Scheme and the amounts of each allowance are set out below.

The Council accepted and have introduced the majority of the recommendations made by the Panel, except with regard to the introduction of pensions for Members, which it decided not to introduce. With regard the Panel's recommendations to generally revert to the higher allowance levels in the 2009/10 scheme (before the Council made a reduction of 5 % in 2010/11) Council also agreed that it was not appropriate for these to be increased due to the current financial situation. However, the Panel's recommendations regarding other changes to allowances entitlement were broadly supported. The extension of travel allowances payments to Shadow Cabinet Members attending Cabinet meetings was supported, and Council further extended this to include Group Leaders. It was also agreed that for an 'other Opposition Group Leader' to qualify for an SRA (Band 5), the group must have at least five members and for a 'Group Manager' to qualify for an SRA (Band 6), the Group must have at least 19 members. The Council also accepted the Panel's recommendations that subsistence allowance for attending approved duties within the Winchester District be abolished.

The Council also agreed the Panel's recommendation that in the absence of any material changes to the Council's decision making structure and/or individual responsibilities in a particular year, an automatic inflation index be used to amend allowance levels, rather than re-convening the Panel. The index to be used will be linked to the annual Local Government percentage pay increase. Travel rates will be indexed to HM Revenue and Customs rates.

Post	Basic Allowance	Special Responsibility Allowance	Total Allowance per Member
Basic Allowance			
All Members	£5,580		£5,580
Band One			
Leader	£5,580	£16,734	£22,314
Band Two			
Deputy Leader with a Portfolio	£5,580	£9,129	£14,709
Band Three			
Deputy Leader without a Portfolio	£5,580	£7,605	Not in current use

Cabinet Member with a Portfolio	£5,580	£7,605	£13,185
Chairman of Principal Scrutiny Committee	£5,580	£7,605	£13,185
Chairman of Planning (Development Control) Committee	£5,580	£7,605	£13,185
Leader of Principal Opposition Group	£5,580	£7,605	£13,185
Band Four			
Chairman of Personnel Committee	£5,580	£3,042	£8,622
Chairman of Licensing & Regulation Committee	£5,580	£3,042	£8,622
Band Five			
Chairman of the Council	£5,580	£2,280	£7,860
Other Opposition Group Leaders (not in current use)	£5,580	£2,280	£7,860
Chairmen of Scrutiny Panels	£5,580	£2,280	£7,860
Vice Chairman of Planning (Development Control) Committee	£5,580	£2,280	£7,860
Band Six			
Chairman of Winchester Town Forum	£5,580	£1,521	£7,101
Chairmen of Task & Finish &/or Ad Hoc Working Groups/Panels with Significant Impact	£5,580	£1,521	£7,101
Group Managers	£5,580	£1,521	£7,101

NB: Only one Special Responsibility Allowance is payable to any Member.

Dependants' Carers' Allowance (to include childcare)

This is payable for approved duties at actual and reasonable costs up to £8.08 per hour.

Co-opted Members

Independent Members and Parish Representatives on the Standards Committee - £240 per annum. Chairman of the Standards Committee at a Rate equivalent to Band 4 - £3,042 per annum.

Travel and Subsistence

All travel allowances, including those for co-opted representatives, Independent Members and Parish Representatives, for attendance at approved duties listed in the Scheme, to be paid at the following rates:-

Cars and Vans - 40p per mile (plus 5p per mile per passenger up to a maximum of 4)

Motor Cycles - 24p per mile

Bicycles - 20p per mile

Public transport may also be used in appropriate circumstances at actual cost.

Subsistence rates are as follows and payable for approved duties outside the district only:-

Breakfast	£5.17
Lunch	£7.13
Tea	£2.79
Evening Meal	£8.82

Travel and Subsistence Scheme for Parish Councils

As part of its work, the Panel prepared a travel and subsistence scheme for adoption by Parish Councils, again with effect from 18 May 2011. This enables Parishes to use the same rates as within the City Council Scheme, if they decide to adopt the Scheme.

Copies of both Schemes are available for inspection by the public, during normal office hours, at the City Offices, Colebrook Street, Winchester, or on the Council's website www.winchester.gov.uk

Copies of records of payments made under the Members' Allowances Scheme are also available for inspection during normal office hours at the City Offices, Colebrook Street, Winchester.

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