



## LOCAL AUTHORITIES (MEMBERS ALLOWANCES) (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2003

### MEMBERS ALLOWANCES INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL

#### PUBLICATION OF THE PANEL'S RECOMMENDATIONS

NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to the above Regulations the report of the Independent Panel regarding a review of the City Council's Members Allowances Scheme has been received. In summary, the Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP) reconvened on Tuesday 22 November 2011, to consider consequential changes to the Council's decision making structures and levels of appropriate Special Responsibility Allowance (SRA) payments to chairmen, following a review of the Council's overview and scrutiny arrangements. In summary, the key recommendations of the Panel took account of the following changes in the Council's decision making structures:-

**(i) ABOLISHED** - Principal Scrutiny Committee, the Statement of Accounts Committee and four Scrutiny Panels

(NB: there was no separate SRA paid to the Chairman of the Statement of Accounts Committee, as it was chaired by the Leader of the Council and regarded as coming within the overall duties of that position)

**(ii) INTRODUCED** - The Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Audit Committee and Informal Scrutiny Groups (led by six Scrutiny Leads)

The Panel also referred to changes to the Council's executive arrangements in accordance with the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007. The Council had been required to make changes to its executive arrangements and had decided to proceed with the 'strengthened Leader' option with effect from 5 May 2011. The Panel concluded that, having reviewed the experience to date, those changes did not warrant any further amendments to the Scheme.

The full details of the Panel's recommendations for possible changes to the Allowances Scheme are set out below. The Panel's recommendations will be considered by Cabinet at its meeting on 18 January 2012, The Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 23 January 2012 and Council on 23 February 2012 which will decide whether to implement them. Copies of the Panel's report are available for inspection by the public, during normal office hours, at the City Offices, Colebrook Street, Winchester, or on the Council's website at [www.winchester.gov.uk](http://www.winchester.gov.uk) Copies may also be purchased for a fee of £15.

Post	CHANGES TO CURRENT SCHEME	Basic Allowance	Special Responsibility Allowance (SRA)
<b>Basic Allowance</b>			
All Members		£5,580	-
<b>Band One</b>			
Leader	NO CHANGE	£5,580	£16,734
<b>Band Two</b>			
Deputy Leader with a Portfolio	NO CHANGE	£5,580	£9,129
<b>Band Three</b>			
Deputy Leader without a Portfolio	NO CHANGE	£5,580	£7,605
Cabinet Member with a Portfolio	NO CHANGE	£5,580	£7,605
<del>Chairman of Principal Scrutiny Committee</del>	<del>DELETE</del>	<del>£5,580</del>	<del>£7,605</del>
<b>Chairman of The Overview and Scrutiny Committee</b>	<b>NEW</b>	<b>£5,580</b>	<b>£7,605</b>
Chairman of Planning (Development Control) Committee		£5,580	£7,605
Leader of Principal Opposition Group		£5,580	£7,605
<b>Band Four</b>			
Chairman of Personnel Committee		£5,580	£3,042
Chairman of Licensing & Regulation Committee		£5,580	£3,042
<b>Band Five</b>			
Chairman of the Council		£5,580	£2,280
Other Opposition Group Leaders		£5,580	£2,280
<del>Chairmen of Scrutiny Panels</del>	<del>DELETE</del>	<del>£5,580</del>	<del>£2,280</del>
<b>Chairman of Audit Committee</b>	<b>NEW</b>	<b>£5,580</b>	<b>£2,280</b>
Vice Chairman of Planning (Development Control) Committee		£5,580	£2,280
<b>Band Six</b>			
Chairman of Winchester Town Forum		£5,580	£1,521
<b>Six Scrutiny Leads</b>	<b>NEW</b>	<b>£5,580</b>	<b>£1,521</b>
Chairmen of Task & Finish &/or Ad Hoc Working Groups/Panels with Significant Impact		£5,580	£1,521
Group Managers		£5,580	£1,521

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