



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 amended provisions of the Scheme were approved on 23 February 2012 and took effect from 18 May 2011 to take account of changes in Special Responsibility Allowances (SRAs) set out below. The revised Scheme 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 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. The key recommendations of the Panel took account of the following changes in the Council's decision making structures:-

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)

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.

At its meeting on 23 February 2012, the Council approved the recommendations made by the Panel. The amended Scheme and the amounts of each allowance are set out below.

In view of the current financial situation, at its meeting on 23 February 2012 the Council also decided:-

- a) Not to apply the Inflation Index for Allowances and Subsistence rates for the 2012/13 Municipal Year
- b) Not to apply the HMRC mileage rate increase in the 2011/12 and 2012/13 Municipal Years.

Post	No of SRAs Suggested	Basic Allowance	Special Responsibility Allowance	Total Allowance per Member
Basic Allowance				
All Members		£5,580		£5,580
Band One				
Leader	1	£5,580	£16,734	£22,314
Band Two				
Deputy Leader with a Portfolio	1	£5,580	£9,129	£14,709
Band Three				
Deputy Leader without a Portfolio	Not in current use	£5,580	£7,605	Not in current use
Cabinet Member with a Portfolio	6	£5,580	£7,605	£13,185
Chairman of The Overview and Scrutiny Committee	1	£5,580	£7,605	£13,185
Chairman of Planning (Development Control) Committee	1	£5,580	£7,605	£13,185
Leader of Principal Opposition Group	1	£5,580	£7,605	£13,185
Band Four				
Chairman of Personnel Committee	1	£5,580	£3,042	£8,622
Chairman of Licensing & Regulation Committee	1	£5,580	£3,042	£8,622
Band Five				
Chairman of the Council	1	£5,580	£2,280	£7,860
Chairman of Audit Committee	1	£5,580	£2,280	£7,860
Other Opposition Group Leaders (not in current use)	Not in current use	£5,580	£2,280	£7,860
Vice Chairman of Planning (Development Control) Committee	1	£5,580	£2,280	£7,860
Band Six				
Chairman of Winchester Town Forum	1	£5,580	£1,521	£7,101
Scrutiny Leads	6	£5,580	£1,521	£7,101
Chairmen of Task & Finish and/or Ad Hoc Working Groups/Panels with Significant Impact	2	£5,580	£1,521	£7,101
Group Managers				

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

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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