



LOCAL AUTHORITIES (MEMBERS ALLOWANCES) (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2003

MEMBERS ALLOWANCES INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL

PUBLICATION OF REVISED MEMBERS ALLOWANCES SCHEME

NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to the above Regulations, at its meeting held 15 January 2020, the council has amended its Members' Allowances Scheme and adopted a revised scheme, after having regard to the report of the Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP).

The IRP previously undertook a full review of the scheme in September 2017. As part of its deliberations at that time, it was mindful that the council was reviewing its constitution and it was acknowledged that it was only able to make recommendations in respect of Member roles relating to the governance and decision making structures at that time. Accordingly, the IRP undertook an interim review on 14 – 15 October 2019 and specifically this was an assessment of the level of Special Responsibility Allowances (SRAs) appropriate for new committees in the council's constitution adopted 15 May 2019.

Copies of the IRP's report and the Members Allowances Scheme 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 <http://www.winchester.gov.uk>. A summary changes to the scheme that have now been adopted are as follows:

	Band
Chairman of the Scrutiny Committee	Band Three
Chairman of the Audit and Governance Committee	Band Four
Chairman of the Business and Housing Committee	Band Four
Chairman of the Health and Environment Committee	Band Four

Indexation – The existing approach to indexation of the Basic Allowance and SRAs should continue to be at the rate of increase in staff salaries, until the date of the next full review of the Members Allowances Scheme due to be undertaken in the autumn of 2021.

Backdating - In accordance with the Guidance on Regulation for Local Authority Allowances, for the Chairs of the Policy Committees and the Audit and Governance Committee, the revised allowances were backdated to the beginning of the municipal year 2019/20 – 15 May 2019.

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