



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 1 April 2007 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 all recommendations made by the Panel, except with regard to the introduction of pensions for Members, which it decided not to introduce in 2007/08, but to consider the matter further in relation to the 2008/09 budget. Having regard to current workloads, the Council reduced the Special Responsibility Allowances received by the Chairmen of the Personnel and the Licensing & Regulation Committees and increased those received by the Chairmen of the Standards Committee and the four Scrutiny Panels. The Chairman of the Winchester Town Forum will also be eligible for such an allowance under the revised scheme.

It should be noted that 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 either the annual Local Government percentage pay increase, or the Retail Price Index, whichever is the lower and, if appropriate, will be applied from the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2008. Travel rates will be indexed to HM Revenue and Customs (AMAP) rates.

Post	Basic Allowance	Special Responsibility Allowance	Total Allowance per Member
Basic Allowance			
All Members	£5,800		£5,800
Band One			
Leader	£5,800	£17,400	£23,200
Band Two			
Deputy Leader with a Portfolio	£5,800	£9,491	£15,291
Band Three			
Deputy Leader without a Portfolio	£5,800	£7,909	Not in current use
Cabinet Member with a Portfolio	£5,800	£7,909	£13,709
Chairman of Principal Scrutiny Committee	£5,800	£7,909	£13,709
Chairman of Planning (Development Control) Committee	£5,800	£7,909	£13,709
Leader of Principal Opposition Group	£5,800	£7,909	£13,709
Band Four			
Band 4 is not in current use	£5,800	Not in current use	Not in current use
Band Five			
Chairman of Personnel Committee	£5,800	£3,164	£8,964
Chairman of Standards Committee	£5,800	£3,164	£8,964
Chairman of Licensing & Regulation Committee	£5,800	£3,164	£8,964

Band Six

Chairman of the Council	£5,800	£2,373	£8,173
Other Group Leaders	£5,800	£2,373	£8,173
Chairmen of Scrutiny Panels	£5,800	£2,373	£8,173
Vice Chairman of Planning (Development Control) Committee	£5,800	£2,373	£8,173

Band Seven

Chairman of Winchester Town Forum	£5,800	£1,582	£7,382
Chairmen of Task & Finish &/or Ad Hoc Working Groups/Panels with Significant Impact	£5,800	£1,582	£7,382

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 £8.40 per hour.

Co-opted Members

Parish Representatives and Independent Members on the Standards Committee - £252 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:-

Breakfast	£5.51
Lunch	£7.59
Tea	£2.99
Evening Meal	£9.39

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 1 April 2007.

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 Councils 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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