

**WARRINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL
LOCAL AUTHORITIES (MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES) (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2003**

A. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL

The following information is published in accordance with Paragraph 22 of the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003.

The Council has received recommendations from the Independent Remuneration Panel on the Scheme of Allowances to be introduced for the year 2011/12. The main features of the Panel's recommendations, including the amounts of allowances the Panel has recommended should be payable to elected Members and other persons, is given below.

	£ per post holder per year
	2011/12
Basic Allowance	7,911
Special Responsibility Allowances	
Leader of the Council	20,015
Deputy Leader	15,012
Portfolio Holder	10,008
Chairs of Overview and Scrutiny	8,506
Chair of Governance	8,506
Chair of Development Control	8,506
Chair of Licensing	6,005
Opposition Group Leader	8,506
Chairs of Traffic, Appeals, Deputy Chair of Development Control	2,002
Co-optee's Allowance	
Standards	2,002
Civic Allowances	
Mayor	15,012
Deputy Mayor	5,004
Mayoress/Consort	4,003
Deputy Mayoress/Consort	3,202

Every Member is entitled to receive the Basic Allowance. The Basic Allowance is based upon a formula which takes into account the estimated median Warrington hourly wage rate in 2009/10 (£12.35) x hours worked by councillors (22.5) x the number of weeks per year (52) and is reduced by a 45% voluntary contribution for public service.

The Council Leader's Special Responsibility Allowance reflects the full-time nature of this role. Other Special Responsibility Allowances are calculated as a fraction of the Leader's Allowance and are linked to the level of responsibility and estimated workload of the position. Where a Member holds more than one position which carries an entitlement to a Special Responsibility Allowance then only one Special Responsibility Allowance is payable.

The recommendations represent a 0% increase in Basic and Special Responsibility Allowances from the figures approved in 2010/11.

Members' Childcare and Dependant Relatives Care Allowance

It is recommended that the maximum rate of payment in respect of costs incurred by a Member for childcare and dependant care increases from £7.50 to £11.28 per hour. Payments should be subject to a maximum weekly payment of £56.40 equivalent to five hours of care per week.

Travel within the Borough

The following standard rates should be payable to Members, which represents a 0% increase from 2010/11.

Standard Rate per Member	Amount per Annum
All Members without a Special Responsibility Allowance	£243
All Members with a Special Responsibility Allowance	£486

Travel and Subsistence outside the Borough

The Panel have recommended that the rates paid to Members and the procedures which apply should continue to be aligned to the rates and procedures applicable to Council Officers.

Telephone Allowance

The Panel have recommended no change to this allowance. The maximum cost of a dedicated internet connection and mobile phone or blackberry for business use paid for by the Council is £100 per month per Member. For Members who do not have a dedicated internet connection, a telephone allowance of £28.75 per month is payable.

Pension

The Panel determined that Members should not be eligible to join the Local Government Pension Scheme.

Copies of the Independent Remuneration Panel Report

A copy of the Panel's full report is available for public inspection on the Council's website www.warrington.gov.uk or at the Town Hall Reception, Sankey Street, Warrington, WA1 1UH during the usual office hours Monday to Friday. The recommendations of the Panel were submitted to the Council on 28 March 2011.

B. MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES SCHEME 2011/12

The following information is published in accordance with Paragraph 16 of the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003.

The Council, at its meeting on 28 March 2011, adopted a Scheme of Members' Allowances for the year 2011/12. In agreeing the Scheme, the Council had regard to the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel, a summary of which is set out in Part A of this notice.

The Council agreed the Scheme proposed by the Panel without amendment.

Copies of the Scheme of Allowances

A copy of the Scheme of Allowances is available for public inspection on the Council's website www.warrington.gov.uk or at the Town Hall Reception, Sankey Street, Warrington, WA1 1UH during the usual office hours Monday to Friday.

Enquiries

Enquiries concerning the work of the Independent Remuneration Panel or on the operation of the Scheme of Members' Allowances should be addressed to Chief Executive, Town Hall, Warrington Borough Council, Sankey Street, Warrington, WA1 1UH.