

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 Regulation 22 of the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003.

The Council received recommendations from the Independent Remuneration Panel on the Scheme of Allowances to be introduced for the year 2020/21 from 1 April 2020 and will remain in place until 31 March 2024. The main features of the Panel's recommendations are shown below. The recommendations were agreed in full.

BASIC ALLOWANCE

- £8462 for all members from 1 April 2020 until 31 March 2021
- £8750 for all members from 1 April 2021 until 31 March 2024

SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY ALLOWANCES

- Leader of the Council £20,015
- Deputy Leader £15,012
- Cabinet Members £10,008
- Chairs of Policy £5,004
- Chair of Scrutiny £8,506
- Chair Health Scrutiny £5,004
- Chair of Audit and Corporate Governance £8,506
- Chair of Development Management £8,506
- Chair of Licensing £8,506
- Chair of Standards £2,002
- Opposition Group Leader 1 £8,506 *
- Opposition Group Leader 2 £8,506 *
- Chair of Corporate Parenting £2,002
- Chairs of Traffic and Appeals £2,002
- Deputy Chair of Development Management £2,002
- Deputy Chair Scrutiny £2,002
- Deputy Chair Audit Corporate Governance £2,002
- Deputy Chair Health Scrutiny £1,176
- Deputy Chairs of Policy £1,176

** For one or two opposition party leaders an SRA be applied to each of them. For three or more opposition parties, the £8506 be allocated to the Leader of the largest party and then each further party leader should receive a proportion of £8506 according to the size of the group. The total sum not going over £17012.*

CO-OPTEE'S ALLOWANCE Nil

CIVIC ALLOWANCES

- Mayor £15,012
- Deputy Mayor £5,004
- Mayoress/Consort NIL
- Deputy Mayoress/Consort NIL

The civic SRA is set at a level equivalent to the 100% of the Leader's allowance with no consort allowances being identified.

Should Council wish to identify a consort allowance a figure of £1250 (Mayor's Consort) and £1000 (Deputy Mayor's Consort) are recommended with the figures being deducted from the Mayor and Deputy Mayor's allowance respectively. It is recommended that transitional arrangements of current allowances for the incoming Mayor and Consort and Deputy Mayor and Consort in 2020/21 (Cllr Creaghan) would be appropriately available to them during their period of Mayor and Deputy.

IN-BOROUGH TRAVEL ALLOWANCE

- All Members without an SRA £243
- All Members with and SRA £486

OUT OF BOROUGH TRAVEL ALLOWANCE

- Public transport Cost of most effective means available
- Motor cycle 24.0p (up to 10,000 miles)
- Motor car 45.0p (up to 10,000 miles)
- Taxi Fare + reasonable gratuity

SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE

- Bed and breakfast* £106.67 (London and out of UK £138.68)
- Breakfast subsistence* £7.40
- Lunch subsistence* £9.15 (London £20)
- Tea Subsistence* £3.75 (London £10)
- Evening Meal Subsistence* £13.47 (London £30)

IT/TELEPHONE ALLOWANCE

- Use of Council provided IT and mobile phone* £50/month (paid directly to provider)
 - Use of own telephone / broadband*, if not as above £12.50 for mobile phones/calls, £12.99 - landline, £18.50 - broadband. Up to 50% of personal gadget insurance costs may be reimbursed.
- CHILDCARE AND DEPENDANTS' CARERS* £11.04/hour (maximum of £110.40/week)

PENSION SCHEME Not open to councillors

* Actual costs only are paid, up to the maximum figures indicated.

The Basic Allowance shall increase annually in accordance with a percentage amount for inflation as determined by any positive value of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) as at February immediately prior to the introduction of a new Scheme and shall be so indexed for a period of four years commencing on 1 April 2020 and ending on 31 March 2024. In the event of a negative value for inflation (deflation) there will be no change to the level of Basic Allowance.

The recommendations of the Panel were submitted to the Council on 19 June 2019 with effect for the period 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2024.

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.