

6. MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES SCHEME

This scheme of allowances was introduced by the Council on 10 November 2003. The scheme complies with Regulation 3 of the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003 in that it has regard to the recommendations of an Independent Remuneration Panel. The panel is appointed and its terms of reference determined by the Council's Audit Committee.

The recommendations of the panel have been accepted by the Council.

The current scheme of allowances is set out below:

Responsibility	Allowance	Value (£)
Leader	Basic x 4	16,818.24
Group Leader*	Basic x 1.5	6,306.84
Cabinet Member	Basic x 2	8,409.12
Planning & Development Committee Chair	Basic x 1.8	7,568.16
Overview and Scrutiny Board Chair	Basic x 1.66	6,979.56
Audit Committee Chair	Basic x 1.66	6,979.56
Licensing Committee Chair	Basic x 1.66	6,979.56
Standards Committee Chair	Basic x 1.33	5,592.12
All other Members – Basic	Basic x 1	4,204.56

*In order to qualify for this allowance, a group must comprise a minimum of 10% of the total number of Members

Councillors can also claim for the cost of travelling and subsistence incurred when on Council business. The amounts claimed can vary depending on the area in which the Councillor lives, the number of meetings they attend and whether the post they hold requires attendance at national conferences and events.

In addition, Chairs of Scrutiny Task Groups and the Independent Persons who consider standards complaints may claim an allowance of £25 per meeting.

With effect from April 2019.