

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 amendments to the Scheme of Allowances for 2012/13 (from 2 January 2013) to facilitate a revised Committee structure.

Amendments proposed were as follows:-

- new allowances for Chair of Scrutiny and Chairs and Deputy Chairs of Policy Committees, and deletion of allowances for Chairs of Overview and Scrutiny Committees
- An allowance of £6,005 proposed for the Chair of Scrutiny
- Deletion of the co-optees allowance

The Council also received recommendations and on the new Scheme to be introduced for the year 2013/14. The main features of the Panel's recommendations are shown below.

BASIC ALLOWANCE	£7,911
SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY ALLOWANCES	
- Leader of the Council	£20,015
- Deputy Leader	£15,012
- Portfolio Holder	£10,008
- Chairs of Policy	£8,506
- Chair of Scrutiny	£8,506
- Chair of Audit and Corporate Governance	£8,506
- Chair of Development Management	£8,506
- Chair of Licensing	£8,506
- Opposition Group Leaders	£8,506
- Chairs of Traffic and Appeals	£2,002
- Deputy Chair of Development Management	£2,002
- Deputy Chairs of Policy	£2,002
- Chair of Standards	£2,002
CO-OPTEE'S ALLOWANCE	Nil
CIVIC ALLOWANCES	
- Mayor	£15,012
- Deputy Mayor	£5,004
- Mayoress/Consort	£4,003
- Deputy Mayoress/Consort	£3,202
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	12.1p – 38.0p (depending on engine cc)
- 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*	£100/month (paid directly to provider)
- Use of own telephone, if not as above	£28.75/month

CHILDCARE AND DEPENDANTS' CARERS* £10.61/hour (maximum of £106.10/week)

PENSION SCHEME Not open to councillors

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

The Panel's recommendations represent no change from the revised 2012/13 Scheme, except as follows:-

- increase to the allowance for the Chair of Licensing
- Deputy Chairs' allowances expressed as a percentage of the Chair's allowance
- allowances for out of borough travel by motor car to be index linked to the HMRC rates
- deletion of the bicycle allowance
- increase in the maximum weekly payment for Dependants' Carers and Childcare Allowance to £106.10
- Civic Allowances to be expressed as a percentage of the Mayor's Allowance
- availability of additional sums for disabled councillors for specialist furniture and equipment

The recommendations of the Panel were submitted to the Council on 10 December 2012 and 25 March 2013.

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.

B. REVISED MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES SCHEME 2012/13 AND APPROVED SCHEME FOR 2013/14

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

The Council, at its meeting on 10 December 2012, agreed a revised Scheme for 2012/13 based upon the Independent Remuneration Panel's recommendations set out at Part A of this notice, subject to the following amendment:

- The allowance for the Chair of Scrutiny to be £8,506.

The Council, at its meeting on 25 March 2013, adopted a Scheme of Members' Allowances for the year 2013/14. In agreeing the Scheme, the Council has had regard to the recommendations of the Panel, a summary of which is set out in Part A of this notice.

The Council agreed the Scheme as proposed by the Panel.

Approved duties, for the purpose of Out of Borough Travel and Subsistence Allowances, are as follows:-

- All working parties, panels, presentations, site visits, training courses and seminars.
- All attendances by Members on behalf of or as a representative of the Council (excluding attendance as a Ward Member or on behalf of a political group or other agency).
- Attendance at functions as an authorised representative of the Council.

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