

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.

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. At the council meeting on 17 June 2024, members agreed that the Basic Allowance element of the scheme would continue to be determined as it currently states but the period be extended to March 2025.

BASIC ALLOWANCE

- £8462 for all members from 1 April 2020 until 31 March 2021 (based on CPI February 2020)
- £8750 for all members from 1 April 2021 until 31 March 2022 (based on CPI February 2021)
- £9,329.67 for all members from 1 April 2022 until 31 March 2023 (based on CPI February 2022)
- £10,229.96 for all members from 1 April 2023 until 31 March 2024 (based on CPI February 2023)
- £10,577.77 for all members from 1 April 2024 until 31 March 2025 (based on CPI February 2024)

SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY ALLOWANCES (per annum)

- 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 £1,500 *
- 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

*The Leader of the main Opposition will be paid £8,506. A sum of £8,506 will be set aside and split based on £500 per member. Should the allowance be over this sum of money will be split proportionate on the amount of seats opposition party has.

e.g.

- Opposition Party A has 9 members – the leader will receive £4,500
- Opposition Party B has 8 members – the leader will receive £4,000

However, if,

- Opposition Party A has 10 Members – the leader will receive £4,476
- Opposition Party B has 9 Members – the Leader will receive £4,029

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 £1,250 (Mayor's Consort) and £1,000 (Deputy Mayor's Consort) are recommended with the figures being deducted from the

Mayor and Deputy Mayor's allowance respectively.

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)

Childcare and dependents' 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 31 March 2025. In the event of a negative value for inflation (deflation) there will be no change to the level of Basic Allowance.