

Wigan Council

Notice under the Local Authorities (Members Allowances)(England) Regulations 2003

- 1 In March 2021, the Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP) produced a report following a two day Panel in January 2021.
- 2 On 14 April 2021 the Council considered the report and decided as follows:

Resolved: The Council agrees to implement the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel.
- 3 Below are the Panel's Recommendations as accepted by the Council with effect from 26 May 2021:

The Lead Members (6)

The IRP recommends that the Lead Members' SRA is reset at £5,866 and paid regardless of how many Lead Member are appointed, subject to any annual indexation applied from the Councils' Annual Meeting on 26th May 2021 for the next 4 years.

When Chairman of Planning and Licensing/Regulations Committees are held separately

The IRP recommends that if the same individual no longer chairs the Planning and Licensing/Regulation Committees that the SRA for the Chairman of the Licensing and Regulation Committees should be reset at £11,849, subject to any annual indexation applied from the Councils' Annual Meeting on 26th May 2021 for the next 4 years.

The IRP recommends that the SRA for the Vice Chairman of the Licensing and Regulation Committees when the Chairmanship of the same Committee does not also hold the Chair of the Planning Committee is reset at £3,084, subject to any annual indexation applied from the Councils' Annual Meeting on 26th May 2021 for the next 4 years.

Chairing a Standards Hearing

The IRP recommends that when a Member chairs a Standards Hearing that they are paid an SRA of £127 per meeting, subject to any annual indexation applied from Council's Annual Meeting on 26th May 2021 for the next 4 years. This SRA is also intended to recognise reading and preparation time so should be paid regardless of the length of meeting. This SRA should also not be subject to the 1-SRA only rule and can be paid if and when a Standards Hearings is Chaired by the Chairman of the Audit, Governance and Standards Committee.

The Dependants' Carers' Allowance (DCA)

The IRP recommends that the DCA should be altered by removing specified hourly rates for care to be replaced with the following:

- Childcare: maximum rate claimable at the National Living Wage
- Other care: maximum rate claimable at the rate charged by the Council for the employment of a personal assistant for care for elderly or people with disabilities.

Travel and Subsistence Allowances - Outwith the Authority

The IRP recommends that the current rates and terms and conditions for claiming Travel and Subsistence Allowances outwith the Authority are maintained and it is added to schedule that when a Member is claiming for outwith the authority for mileage while driving a hybrid/electric vehicle that the same rate (45p per mile) for claims when driving a petrol or diesel vehicle is also applicable.

Recommendations under the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) Order 2011. All accepted by Council:-

The IRP recommends that the SRA for the Wigan Member when appointed Chair of the GMCA TC be reset at £7,901, subject to any annual indexation applied from the Councils' Annual Meeting on 26th May 2021 for the next 4 years.

Indexation

The Panel recommends that the indices are applied to the remuneration and allowances paid to Members of the Council from 26 May 2021 for the full length of time permitted, namely four years which is up to the AGM of the Council in 2025: -

Basic Allowance, SRAs (including those paid in accordance with the GMCA Order) and Co-optees' Allowances:

- Indexed to the annual percentage salary increase for local government staff (at spinal column 49) as agreed each year by the National Joint Council for Local Government Services; to be implemented from the start of the municipal year, for which it is applicable.

Mileage Allowance (Outwith only):

- Members' mileage allowances rates indexed to HMRC AMAP rates.

Subsistence Allowances (Outwith only):

- The subsistence allowances should continue to be indexed to the same rates that are applicable to Officers.

The Dependants' Carers' Allowance:

- Childcare rate: maximum hourly rate claimable indexed to the National Living Wage.
- Other care rate: maximum hourly rate claimable indexed to the hourly rate charged by the Council for the employment of a personal assistant for care for elderly or people with disabilities.

4 Implementation

The new scheme of allowances based on the recommendations contained in this report is adopted from 26 May 2021.

- 5 A copy of the Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel can be viewed online at the following address and item 8b on the agenda:-

[Agenda for Council on Wednesday, 14th April, 2021, 6.00 pm \(wigan.gov.uk\)](#)

It is also available for inspection by members of the public at the Principal Office of the Council, which is the Town Hall, Library Street, Wigan WN11YN. This document may be inspected on Monday to Friday between the hours of 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.

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STOCKPORT METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL ON COUNCILLORS' ALLOWANCES

Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council has received recommendations from an Independent Remuneration Panel under the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) Regulations 2003.

Copies of the report detailing the Panel's recommendations are available from Democratic Services at the Town Hall, Stockport during the hours of 8.30 am to 5.00 pm Monday to Thursday, and 8.30 am to 4.30 pm on Friday. The Panel's main recommendations are as follows:

(1) That a Special Responsibility Allowance (SRA) for the Chair of the Employment Appeals Committee should be set at a level of 8% of the Executive Leader's SRA which computed to an indicative allowance of £2,284.99, being a reduction of 1.35% from the former amount.

(2) That the proposed allowance be backdated to 21 May 2013 in line with all other amendments to the Scheme introduced as part of its recommendations in September 2012.

(3) That the Independent Remuneration Panel reassess the allowance for the Chair of the Employment Appeals Committee in 12 months' time.

ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL ON COUNCILLORS' ALLOWANCES

Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council, on 27 June 2013, adopted revisions to its Scheme of Councillors' Allowances which will be effective from 21 May 2013 until revised.

The changes to the Scheme of Allowances have been adopted following receipt of a report from the Independent Remuneration Panel and the recommendations of the report have been adopted as detailed at (1)-(3) above.

Copies of the report detailing changes to the Scheme, together with the amended Scheme and copies of the record kept in accordance with Regulation 15(1) and (2) are available from Democratic Services at the Town Hall, Stockport during the hours of 8.30 am to 5.00 pm Monday to Thursday, and 8.30 am to 4.30 pm on Friday.

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Dated 3 July 2013