

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

- 1 In October 2016, the Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP) produced a report following a two day Panel in September 2016.
- 2 On 2 November 2016 the Council considered the report and decided as follows:
 - (1) *agrees to the implementation of the recommendations of the IRP;*
 - (2) *agrees to the proposal to merge the Standards and Audit and Governance Committees and to set an appropriate Special Responsibility Allowance (SRA) for that Chair [£7,317], with effect from the start of the 2017/18 Year.*
- 4 Below are the Panel's Recommendations in relation to basic allowance and additional special responsibility allowances as accepted by the Council with effect from 1 April 2017:

Basic allowance for all 75 Members £12,179

Additional Special Responsibility Allowances payable

Executive Leader	£36,540
Deputy Leader	£23,751
Other Executive Members (6)	£16,464
Chairmen of the following Committees:	
Licensing/Regulation	£13,553
Planning	£10,974
Scrutiny (4)	£7,317
Audit Governance & Standards	£7,317
Vice-Chairmen of the following Committees:	
Licensing/Regulation	£3,388
Planning	£2,856
Leader main opposition group	£4,047
Deputy Leader of main opposition group:	
£50 per Member if 14 or more Members	
Audit, Standards and Governance Committee Co-optees:	
Independent	£1,098
Parish - £57 p/half day/£114 p/day	

Below is a summary of the Panel's other recommended changes to the current scheme. All were accepted by Council:-

- no payments for in-borough mileage above 10 miles and in borough subsistence allowances.
- increase the Deputy Leader's SRA from 60% of the Leader's to 65%.
- Should the Council, merge the Standards and Audit and Governance Committees, that the SRA of the Chairman of the merged Committee be paid at 20 % of the Leader's SRA.
- If there are two Main Opposition Groups of equal size then each Main Opposition Group Leader should receive an Opposition Group Leader's SRA based on the current formula, which is based on two elements. A standard SRA of £1,827 (5% of the Leader's SRA) plus £444 per Group Member.
- remove the SRA of the Parish Council representatives on the Standards Committee.
- introduce a payment of £114 per day or £57 per half day if a Parish representative sits on a hearing to consider a complaint against a Member.
- change the dependant's carers allowance to £7.20 per hour.
- Leader to get £9,600 for his new position on the GMCA to replace his existing AGMA SRA.
- The Council publish the number of training sessions each Member attends. Also that the annual publication includes a breakdown of each type of allowance claimed by each Member.

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

In accordance with GMCA Order the payments to Wigan Members appointed to the GMCA Transport for Greater Manchester Committees (TfGMC) are maintained as follows:

- Ordinary Members £ 3,825
- If Wigan Member is Chair of TfGMC: £28,250
- If Wigan Member is a Vice Chair of TfGMC: £14,125
- If Wigan Member is a Deputy Chair of TfGMC: £ 5,050

Indexation

The following indices are applied to the remuneration and allowances paid to Members of Wigan Council from 1 April 2017 for the full length of time permitted, namely four years which is up to 31 March 2021:

A. 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.

B. Mileage Allowance (Outside of the Borough only):

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

C. Subsistence Allowances (Outside of the Borough only):

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

D. The Dependants' Carers' Allowance:

- Maximum hourly rate claimable indexed to the National Living Wage.

Implementation

The new scheme of allowances based on the recommendations contained in this report is adopted from 1 April 2017.

A copy of the Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel can be viewed online at the following address and item 9 on the agenda:-

<http://democracy.wigan.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=319&MId=3264&Ver=4&a=1>

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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