

## **Part 6**

# **Members' Allowances Scheme**

# Members Allowances Scheme – From 1 September 2007

(as agreed by Council on 27 March 2008)

**Basic Allowance (BA)** **£4,000**

**Special Responsibility Allowances:**

Leader of the Council	£12,000 (BA x 3)
Deputy Leader of the Council	£8,000 (BA x 2)
Cabinet Member	£4,000 (BA x 1)
Chairman of the Council	£6,000 (BA x 1.5)
Vice Chairman of the Council	£2,000 (BA x 0.5)
Lead Chairman of Scrutiny (currently Corporate Services Scrutiny Committee)	£4,000 (BA x 1)
Chairman of Scrutiny Committee	£3,000 (BA x 0.75)
Vice Chairman of Scrutiny Committee	£1,500 (BA x 0.375)
Chairman of Development Control Committee	£2,000 (BA x 0.5)
Chairman of a single Development Control Sub-Committee	£4,000 (BA x 1)
Vice Chairman of a single Development Control Sub-Committee	£1,500 (BA x 0.375)
Member of Development Control Sub-Committee	£800 (BA x 0.2)
Chairman of Licensing and Health Committee	£4,000 (BA x 1)
Vice Chairman of Licensing and Health Committee	£2,000 (BA x 0.5)
Chairman of Rights of Way Committee	£1,000 (BA x 0.25)
Chairman of Standards Committee	£2,000 (BA x 0.5)
Co-opted Member	£400 (BA x 0.1)
Group Leader of the Liberal Democrats	£4000 (BA x 1)
Group Leader of Labour	£800 (BA x 0.2)
Deputy Group Leader (more than two members)	£2,000 (BA x 0.5)

**Attendance Allowances**

**Conferences** **£10 per meeting up to 4 hours**  
**£15 per meeting over 4 hours**

**Travelling Allowance (in own vehicles)**

**451 to 1450cc** **40p per mile**

**Care of Children and Dependants**

An allowance is paid to any councillor who in the course of their work as a councillor has to provide care for children and/or dependants and in doing so incurs additional expenditure. In these circumstances the following hourly rates are recommended:

- Baby sitting up to a maximum of £10.00 per hour
- Child minding up to a maximum of £13.00 per hour
- Care of dependants up to a maximum of £13.00 per hour

**Subsistence**

**Absence from home of over 4 hours (payable only with valid receipt. Not payable if there are refreshments at meetings):-**

		<b>Max Allowance:</b>	
<b>(a)</b>	<b>More than four hours before 11.00am</b>	<b>Breakfast</b>	<b>£6.20</b>

(b)	More than four hours including 12 noon to 2.00pm	Lunch	£8.50
(c)	More than four hours including 3.00pm to 6.00pm	Tea	£3.40
(d)	More than four hours ending after 7.00pm	Dinner	£10.50

**Subsistence**

In London or at approved conferences	£91.04
Other	£79.82

**Other points agreed by Council**

- (1) the Basic and Special Responsibility Allowances be increased annually in line with the JNC Local Government pay award applying to the Council's own staff, with the first such increase applying from 1 April 2009.
- (2) the current policy of having only one Special Responsibility Allowance paid to each Member (whichever is the higher allowance) be continued
- (3) members who are eligible should be allowed to join the Local Government Pension Scheme if they wish
- (4) consideration be given to the introduction of job descriptions for all members
- (5) the Deputy Leader of a minority group of more than two members should receive an allowance in terms of the same ratio as the rest of the allowances.