

## COUNCILLOR ALLOWANCE SCHEME 2016/17

1. The basic Members' allowance is £4,700.
2. Special Responsibility Allowances are as follows:

Leader of the Council/Chairman of Policy & Finance Committee	£13,000
Deputy Leader of the Council	£2,600
Leader of Main Opposition Group & Opposition Spokesperson on Policy & Finance Committee	£4,500
Leader of Other Opposition Groups	£770
Opposition Spokespersons on Functional Committees	£977
Chairmen of Functional Committees	£5,298
Vice-Chairman of Policy & Finance Committee	£977
Vice-Chairman of Functional Committees	£977
Chairman of Planning Committee	£5,298
Vice-Chairman of Planning Committee	£977
Chairman of Licensing & General Purposes Committees	£3,129
Vice-Chairman of Licensing & General Purposes Committees	£460
Chairman of Audit & Accounts Committee	£1,795

3. There is no limit as to the number of special responsibility allowances paid to individual Members.
4. For the purposes of qualifying for a special responsibility allowance a political group on the Council needs to comprise of at least four Members.
5. A childcare and dependent carers' allowance of up to £10 per hour will be payable for costs actually incurred, or more in exceptional circumstances at the discretion of the Section 151 Officer, and provided that it is evidenced based.
6. In the event of any part year entitlement due to elections, suspension or changes in special responsibility, payments will be subject to a daily calculation of entitlement.
7. The travel and subsistence expenses for Members be the same as the casual user rate and subsistence scheme for officers.
8. Any Member may, by way of notice in writing, forgo all or part of any allowances.
9. The Basic Allowance and Special Responsibility Allowances are indexed to the annual percentage salary increase for local government staff (at spinal column 49) to be implemented from the start of the municipal year for which it is applicable.
10. This scheme comes into effect on 17 May 2016.

Note – the following annual payments are made outside of the Members Allowances Scheme:

Council's Appointed Independent Persons	£2,064
Chairman of the Council	£3,360
Vice-Chairman of the Council	£670