

TONBRIDGE AND MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

SCHEME OF MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES

The Borough Council received a report from an Independent Remuneration Panel containing recommendations for amendments to the Scheme of Members' Allowances. The Panel's recommendations as to basic and special responsibility allowances were considered in detail by the Full Council at its meeting on 11 April 2017.

The Council resolved to accept the Panel's recommendations in full (subject to an amendment in respect of allowances for vice-chairmen) with effect from the Borough Council elections in 2019 and allowances have been increased in line with the staff pay award in 2020.

	Panel's Recommendation £	Resolved Allowance 2020 £
Basic Allowance to all Councillors	5,000	5,125
Special Responsibility Allowances (SRA):		
Leader	20,000	20,500
Deputy Leader	15,000	15,375
Opposition Group Leader	1,250	1,281
	+ 250 per member #	+ 256 per member #
Cabinet Member	8,500	8,713
Chair		
Overview & Scrutiny Committee	2,500	2,563
Joint Standards Committee	2,500	2,563
Licensing & Appeals Committee	2,500	2,563
General Purposes Committee	1,600	1,640
Audit Committee	2,500	2,563
Area Planning Committees x 3	1,665	1,707
Programmed Advisory Board	1,600	1,640
Vice Chair		
Overview & Scrutiny Committee x 2	0	641
Joint Standards Committee	0	641
Licensing & Appeals Committee	0	641
General Purposes Committee	0	333
Audit Committee	0	641
Area Planning Committees x 3	333	333
Programmed Advisory Board	0	0

Opposition Group Leader allowance made up of £1,281 lump sum plus £256 per member of group.

The Council also resolved to implement the Panel's recommendations that:

1. Childcare and Dependent Carers allowances be set at a maximum of £7.20 per hour and £16 per hour respectively.
2. Mileage and Subsistence allowances be set at HMRC rates (excluding tea allowance).
3. Principle of annual indexation of allowances in line with the staff pay award be retained.
4. Individual members should not receive more than one SRA (excluding group leaders).

Copies of both the Independent Remuneration Panel's report and the amended Scheme of Members'

Allowances are available for inspection by members of the public on the Council's website at www.tmbc.gov.uk or free of charge during normal office hours at the Council's principal office at Gibson Building, Gibson Drive, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent ME19 4LZ.

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