

# PUBLIC NOTICE

## FOLKESTONE AND HYTHE DISTRICT COUNCIL

### MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES – SCHEME OF ALLOWANCES FOR THE REMUNERATION OF COUNCILLORS IN THE DISTRICT OF FOLKESTONE AND HYTHE

This notice is published in accordance with regulation 16(2) of the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003.

The council on 13 January 2012 resolved to adopt, as from 20 May 2015, a scheme of member allowances and in doing so gave due regard to the recommendations contained in the second report of the Shepway District Council (the former name of the Folkestone and Hythe District Council) Independent Remuneration Panel dated October 2015. Minor amendments were made to the scheme in 2017 again having had regard to the recommendations of the Panel. An updated report by the IRP was produced in October 2019. The scheme has effect until amended by the Council.

Details of the scheme can be found in the Constitution on the Council's website:

[www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk](http://www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk)

The main elements of the scheme are the payment of a basic allowance of £5,727 per year to each of the 30 members of the council and the payment of special responsibility allowances to certain councillors who have been appointed to particular positions by the Council or the Leader of the Council.

#### 2022/23 Special Responsibility Allowances (SRA) per annum\*

Leader of the Council	£25,192
Deputy Leader of the Council	£12,597
Cabinet member (up to 8)	£11,452
Chair of the Council	£8,590
Vice-Chair of the Council	£1,719
<b>Tier 1 Committees</b>	
Audit & Governance Committee Chair	£6,585
Overview and Scrutiny Committee Chair	£6,585
Planning and Licensing Committee Chair	£6,585
<b>Tier 2 Committees</b>	
Personnel Committee Chair	£1,719
Leader of the Opposition	£8,590

\*If more than one position attracting an SRA is held, only one will be paid.

The council also pays a yearly ICT allowance of £266 subject to the claimant meeting certain conditions detailed in the scheme.

In addition the council may pay co-optees an allowance in accordance with the formula described in the Scheme.

Councillors with dependents can claim a dependants' carers' allowance paid at an hourly rate equivalent to the adult national living wage.

Councillors are also entitled to travel and subsistence expenses where they are incurred in connection with their role as a councillor.

The council is required to make available the amounts paid to each councillor for the previous year.

The scheme and figures for the year 2021/22 are available for inspection on our website or at the Council's offices during normal office hours by appointment. Please contact Committee Services on 01303 853000.

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