

BASINGSTOKE AND DEANE BOROUGH COUNCIL

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL'S PROPOSED MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES SCHEME

The Local Authorities' (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003 place certain duties on local authorities in connection with publicising the recommendations made by their Independent Remuneration Panel. (IRP). The recommendations of the Panel relate to the Members' Allowances Scheme for 2015/16. They are as follows:

	Recommended £
Basic Allowance	6749
Leader of the Council	20247
Deputy Leader of the Council	15185
Cabinet Members	12148
Chairman of Development Control	6074
Vice Chairman of Development Control	607
Chairman of Licensing, Human Resources, Manydown Policy and Standards Committees	3037
Vice Chairman of Licensing, Human Resources, Manydown Policy and Standards Committees	304
Chairman of Audit and Accounts	5062
Vice Chairman of Audit and Accounts	506
Chairman of Overview & Scrutiny Committee & Policy Committees	5062
Vice Chairman Overview & Scrutiny Committee & Policy Committees	507 506
Co-Optees	608
Principal Opposition Leader	3037
Leader of Political Group	3037
Independent Forum Co-Ordinator	3037

- Index linking for the Basic Allowance and Special Responsibility Allowances should continue to be geared to staff salary increases.
- Different levels of Dependents' Carers' Allowances for child care and adult care.
- Index linking for Dependents' Carers' Allowances should be on the basis of the Living Wage in the case of children and the Retail Price Index in the case of adults.
- There should be no change to the current arrangements for Allowances being pensionable.
- Travel and subsistence allowances should be paid according to Inland Revenue and staff rates respectively.
- To explore with the Inland Revenue the possibility of a proportion of the Mayoral Allowance being treated as expenses and thus as a tax free reimbursement. In the event of a negative response from the Inland Revenue the Mayoral Allowance be increased by £1000 effective from the start of the 2015/16 municipal year.

The IRP recommendations will form part of a report to the Council meeting to be held on 26 March 2015.

The full IRP report can be viewed on the council's website www.basingstoke.gov.uk or for public inspection at the Civic Offices, London Road, Basingstoke, Hants, RG21 4AH. The Civic Offices are open Monday to Thursday 8.30am to 5pm and on Friday 8:30am to 4:30pm. Telephone 01256 844844 or email committeeservices3@basingstoke.gov.uk

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