

CITY OF YORK COUNCIL

SCHEME OF COUNCILLORS' ALLOWANCES AND INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL REPORT

Notice is hereby given that the Council has received a report from the Independent Remuneration Panel appointed in accordance with the Local Authorities (Members Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003. The Panel has made the following recommendations for the payment of allowances with effect from 1 January 2016.

Basic allowance

It is recommended that the basic allowance be £8,667 per annum

Special Responsibility Allowances

It is recommended that Special Responsibility Allowances be as follows:

Leader of the Council	£26,001
Deputy Leader of the Council	£18,201
Group Leader (Main Opposition)	£11,700
Deputy Group Leader (Group with more than ten Members)	£5,200
Group Leader (Minority Party)	£5,200
Executive Member	£15,600
Chair Scrutiny Management Committee	£5,200
Chair Scrutiny Committees	£5,200
Chair Planning Committee	£7,800
Chair Planning Sub-Committee	£5,200
Chair Licensing and Regulatory Committee	£5,200
Chair Audit and Governance Committee	£5,200
Lord Mayor as Chair of Council	£2,600

Dependent Care allowances

The Panel recommends:

- That dependent care allowances should be paid where the provision of such care is necessary to enable a Member to carry out council functions.
- That reimbursement of costs incurred should normally be at a rate of the living wage.
- That this rate of allowance may be exceeded in circumstances where professional care is required for children or dependent relatives with medical or other special needs.
- In no circumstances should the allowance exceed the amount actually paid and supported by receipts.

Travel Allowances

The Panel recommends that there should be no travel allowance for travel within the area of the City unless the Member has medical or other special needs requiring the use of taxis. In the latter case payment should be made in respect of the use of taxis on approved duties.

Travel allowances should continue to be payable on travel outside of the City in respect of approved duties. The Panel recommends that the following be regarded as approved duties:

- A meeting of a joint committee of which the Authority is a member
- A meeting of any body to which the Council makes appointments
- A meeting of the Local Government Association, any sub group of the Association or any body to which the Association makes appointments
- Duties undertaken on behalf of the Authority in connection with the discharge of any function of the authority conferred by or under any enactment and empowering or requiring the Authority to inspect or authorise the inspection of premises
- Duties undertaken on behalf of the Authority in connection with arrangements made by the authority for the attendance of pupils at a school approved for the purposes of section 342 of the Education Act 1996
- A meeting which has both been authorised by the Authority, a committee, or subcommittee of the Authority or a joint committee of the Authority and one or more other authorities, or a sub-committee of a joint committee and to which representatives of more than one political group have been invited (if the authority is divided into several political groups) or to which two or more councillors have been invited (if the authority is not divided)
- Visits by Executive Members, Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Committees and Group Leaders on business associated with those roles.
- Attendance of Members at conferences, training courses and seminars approved in accordance with the council's arrangements for Member development
- Other travel approved by the appropriate Officer as being reasonably necessary to further the aims of the council (excluding travel for party political or social functions)

The recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel are to be considered at a meeting of the Council to be held on Thursday 17 December 2015 at 6.30pm.

Copies of the report are available for inspection during normal office hours at West Offices, Station Rise, York and can be viewed on the Council's website.

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