

MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES

Members' Allowances Scheme 2019/20

In accordance with The Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003 No. 1021 Part 3 (16) the Council is required after making or amending a scheme to make arrangements for its publication. Full Council on 7 December 2016 considered the recommendations of the Joint Independent Remuneration Panel and agreed to continue with the current scheme, thereby complying with its duty under regulation 19. Full details of the panel's report are available on the Council's website www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk. **The basic and special responsibility allowances payable under the Members' Allowance Scheme for the financial year 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020 were agreed by Full Council on 7 December 2016 and remain frozen again as follows;**

	Allowance (£)
Basic Allowance for all Councillors	5,500
Minority Group Leaders	275 per member (incl. leader)
Special Responsibility Allowances	
Leader	19,250
Cabinet Member	11,000
Chairman of Scrutiny Committee	1,375
Chairman of Licensing	1,375
Chairman of General Purposes	1,375
Chairman of Joint Transportation Board	1,375
Chairman of Audit & Governance Committee	1,375
Chairman of Planning Committee	5,500
Vice Chairman of Planning Committee	1,320
Other Allowances	
Co-opted Members and Independent Members of Audit & Governance Committee	800

Only one Special Responsibility Allowance may be claimed in addition to the Basic Allowance, except for Minority Group Leaders.

In accordance with Part 3 (13) of the regulations any member may elect to forgo all or part of his/her entitlement to allowances by notifying the Director of Finance, Policy and Development.

In addition, the following travel and subsistence allowances are also payable under the Members' Allowances Scheme:-

Childcare and Dependent Carers' Allowance

An allowance for any approved duty at the National Living Wage for childcare and £16.00 per hour for carers.

Travel Allowance Rates:

The motor vehicle mileage rates will be paid in accordance with the approved mileage rates published by HM Revenues and Customs. The current rates are as follows:

	First 10,000 business miles in a tax year	Each business mile over 10,000 in a tax year
Cars and vans	45p	25p
Motor cycles	24p	24p
Bicycles	20p	20p

Re-imburement will be limited to comparable costs of using public transport where the Director of Finance, Policy and Development determines that public transport was a practical alternative.

Travel by Bus, Rail and Taxi will be at the standard fare rate.

Subsistence Allowances:

Rates are those published by the South East Employers for 2010/11 and frozen again. Re-imburement is upon submission of a receipt up to a maximum of:-

Breakfast £6.88, Lunch £9.50, Dinner £11.76
Accommodation will be reimbursed at reasonable actual cost

Paper copies of any of the above documents can also be provided by contacting Democratic Services, on 01892 554219. These documents can also be viewed during office hours at the Gateway customer centre in Grosvenor Road, Royal Tunbridge Wells.

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