

Report to Council

MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES SCHEME

Report of the Director of Legal Services

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1. Background

- 1.1 Each year the Council is required to approve the Members' Allowances Scheme. An Independent Remuneration Panel is established to make recommendations on the level of Member allowances.
- 1.2 The Panel considered information from a number of councilors who undertake special responsibilities and also on the duties, responsibilities and workload undertaken by them in their Councillor role.
- 1.3 The Panel considered the information provided and also considered the Members' Allowances schemes within Greater Manchester and a neighbouring authority in West Yorkshire.
- 1.4 The Panel made the recommendation that the Members' allowances for 2016/17 should remain the same as in 2015/16.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 Council are asked to consider the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel.
- 2.2 Council are asked to agree a Members' Allowances Scheme for 2016/17. Appendix 1 to this report details the scheme.

The following is a list of background papers on which this report is based in accordance with the requirements of Section 100(1) of the Local Government Act 1972. It does not include documents which would disclose exempt or confidential information as defined by the Act.

- File ref: Constitutional File
- Records held in Legal Department, Room 327.
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Position	Index	Explanatory Note	Amount
All Members of the Council		BASIC ALLOWANCE	£9,239
All Positions set out below		SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY ALLOWANCE (SRA)	
Leader	100%	Fixed point for the SRAs where indicated, to be set at 3 times the basic members allowance.	£27,717
		Combined Authority Element	£5,543
Deputy Leader	70%		£19,402
Main Opposition Leader	50%		£13,859
Deputy Main Opposition Leader	20%		£5,543
Executive Members	60%		£16,630
Chairs of: Licensing Planning Overview & Scrutiny Board Performance and Value for Money Board Health and Well-being Board Oldham care and Support Company Unity	30%		£8,315
Deputy Executive Member	25%		£6,929
Assistant to Cabinet Member	8%		£2,217
District Executive Chairs:			
Oldham District			£6,652
Chadderton			£5,821
Saddleworth			£5,821
Failsworth & Hollinwood			£5,821
Royton			£4,989
Shaw & Crompton			£4,989
Vice-Chair of Oldham District			£2,494
Shadow Executive Members	10%		£2,771
Shadow Deputy Executive Member	5%		£1,386
Minority Opposition Leader (provided the group has 6 members)	15%		£4,158
Waste Disposal Authority Allowance			£2,168
Additional SRA: The Leader to notify the Chief Executive and the recipients of this allowance and the responsibilities undertaken. (Currently Labour 5, Lib Dem 2)	5%		£1,386
Transport for Greater Manchester			£3,949
Co-opted/Independent Members of Audit and Standards Committee	n/a		£377
Chair of Audit Committee	n/a		£2,044
Chair of Standards Committee	n/a		£646

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Refreshment Allowance		Subsistence when absent from normal place of residence	
		Breakfast	£7
		Lunch	£8
		Evening Meal	£14
Mileage			45p per mile for first 10,000 miles, outside the borough, per annum and a rate of 25p per mile over 10,000 miles
Mayoral Allowance	n/a		£14,497
Deputy Mayoral Allowance	n/a		£2,848

Council should note that while there is a normal rule of only one Special Responsibility Allowances per member given by the Council, there is an exception enabling a member to receive a SRA as a member of Transport for Greater Manchester, as Unity Chair and at the same time another SRA from the Council.