

Report to Council

Members' Allowances Scheme

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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 the Leader and the Leader of the Opposition on special responsibilities.
- 1.3 The Panel also considered the Members' Allowances schemes within Greater Manchester.
- 1.4 The Panel made the recommendation that the Members' allowances for 2018/19 should remain the same as in 2017/18 but with increases linked to the officer pay increase. The relevant officer pay increase for 2018/19 is 2%

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 2018/19. 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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Appendix 1

Position	Index	Explanatory Note	Amount
All Members of the Council		BASIC ALLOWANCE	£9,519
All Positions set out below		SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY ALLOWANCE (SRA)	
Leader	100%	Fixed point for the SRA's where indicated, to be set at 3 times the basic members allowance.	£28,557
		Combined Authority Element	£5,711
Deputy Leader	70%		£19,990
Main Opposition Leader	50%		£14,279
Deputy Main Opposition Leader	20%		£5,711
Executive Members	60%		£17,134
Chairs of: Licensing Planning Overview & Scrutiny Board Performance & Value for Money Board Health and Well-being Board Oldham care & Support Company Unity	30%		£8,567
Deputy Executive Member	25%		£7,139
Assistant to Cabinet Member	8%		£2,285
District Executive Chairs:			
Oldham East District			£6,853
Oldham West District			£5,998
Chadderton			£5,998
Saddleworth			£5,998
Failsworth & Hollinwood			£5,998
Royton			£5,140
Shaw & Crompton			£5,140
Vice-Chair of Oldham District			£2,569
Shadow Executive Members	10%		£2,856
Shadow Deputy Executive Member	5%		£1,428
Minority Opposition Leader (provided the group has 6 members)	15%		£4,284
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%		£1,428
Co-opted/Independent Members of Audit and Standards Committee	n/a		£389
Chair of Audit Committee	n/a		£2,106
Chair of Standards Committee	n/a		£666

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		£14,934
Deputy Mayoral Allowance	n/a		£2,934
Transport for Greater Manchester			£4,069

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.

The Transport for Greater Manchester allowance will be subject to future decisions made by the Combined Authority.