



## MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES

Waveney District Council has received recommendations from an Independent Remuneration Panel in respect of Members Allowances that would be payable to Councillors for the period 1 April 2010 to 31 March 2011.

The main features of the scheme recommended by the Panel were:

1. Basic Allowance for all Councillors to be increased by 2.5% to £3587.
2. Special Responsibility Allowances (in addition to the Basic Allowance):

Leader of the Council	£8968
Deputy Leader of the Council	£6278
Delegated Portfolio Members	£5381
Other Cabinet Members	£4771
Chair of Development Control Committee	£4771
Chairs of Overview and Scrutiny Committees	£4771
Chair of the Audit & Risk Management Committee	£4771
Chair of Council	£4771
Chair of Licensing Committee	£1793
Leaders of Opposition Parties / Groups (of more than one Councillor)	Basic Allowance divided by total number of Opposition Members on Council x number of members in Party / Group

3. Travel Allowances:
  - Public transport (inc taxis & ferries), parking fees & tolls – actual costs incurred.
  - Own vehicle – a single payment of 40p per mile. Carriage of passengers ordinarily entitled to a travel allowance – 3p per mile for the first passenger and 2p per mile for the second and subsequent passengers (up to a max of 4 passengers).
  - Mopeds – 10.2p per mile.
  - Motorcycles – 16.6p per mile.
  - Bicycles – 20p per mile.
4. Subsistence – Evening meal allowance - actual cost incurred up to £20 post 7pm outside of the district where an overnight stay is required and on production of a receipt.
5. Dependent Carers Allowance - £15 per hour.
6. Non-statutory Co-optees not to receive any Co-optee Allowance.
7. All statutory Co-optees - a Co-optee Allowance using a multiplier of 0.4 of the Basic Allowance.

8. Any Co-opted Chair of the Standards Committee - an additional Co-optee Allowance using a multiplier of 1.33 of the Basic Allowance.
9. The scheme to operate for 12 months from 1 April 2010 to 31 March 2011 and that there be no index linking at the present time.
10. If a Councillor or statutory Co-optee is wholly or partially suspended their allowance be wholly or partially suspended.
11. All Councillors (both in respect of Basic Allowance and Special Responsibility Allowances) are entitled to access the Local Government Pension Scheme.

At its meeting on 26 November 2009, Waveney District Council considered the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel. Subject to the amendments below, the recommendations made by the Independent Remuneration Panel were approved:-

- (a) That the Basic Allowance payable to all Councillors for 2010/11 be limited to an increase of 1%, resulting in an allowance of £3535.
- (b) That there be no increase in Special Responsibility Allowances for 2010/11.

A copy of the Panel's report is available for inspection by members of the public at the Town Hall, Lowestoft, Suffolk between 9.00am and 4.00pm Monday to Friday.

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