

NOTICE OF AMENDMENT: PROPOSAL FOR CO-CHAIRS SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY ALLOWANCE - MEMBERS' ALLOWANCE SCHEME 2025/26

Proposed amendments to the recommendation are set out in red text:

Amended recommendation to be proposed by Councillor Lees, seconded by Councillor Coote:

That the Council:

I. Agrees that the Planning Committee Co-Chairs SRA is set at £3,529.08 **£4,213.21** for 2025/26 and is included in the Scheme of Allowances as set out in ~~Appendix B~~ **Appendix C**.

Allowance	Amount
Basic Allowance	£5,881.79
Chair of the Council	£4,705.43 + civic expenses
Vice Chair of the Council	£2,352.72
Leader of the Council	£14,410.39
Deputy Leader of the Council	£7,646.33
Portfolio Holders	£7,250.06
Overview/Scrutiny and Ordinary Committee Chairs	£4,117.26
Chair of Licensing and Environmental Health Committee	£4,117.26
Licensing Panel*	£271.74 subject to attending 10 panel meetings per municipal year a payment will be made to members attending at least 50% of those meetings.
Chair of Planning Committee	£5,881.79
Co-Chair of Planning Committee**	£3,529.08 £4,213.21
Members of Planning Committee	£1,176.36
Substitute Members of Planning Committee*	£135.87 subject to attending 5 meetings per municipal year, or 50% of meetings in a municipal year.

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Main Opposition Group Leader	£4,117.26
Other Opposition Group Leaders	£2,352.72
Independent representatives on the Standards Committee	£588.18
Independent representatives on the Statutory Officer Discipline and Dismissal Committee	£588.18
Panel members of Independent Remuneration Panel	£588.18

Explanatory notes about how the Special Responsibility Allowances are calculated:

Chair of the Council - 80% of the basic allowance

Vice-Chair – 40% of the basic allowance

Leader of the Council - 245% of the basic allowance

Deputy Leader of the Council - 130% of the basic allowance

Portfolio Holders/Members of the Executive – 123.26% of the basic allowance

Chair of Overview, Scrutiny and Ordinary committees - 70% of the basic allowance

Chair of Licensing and Environmental Health Committee - 70% of the basic allowance

Licensing Panel Members – 4.62% of the basic allowance, subject to attending 10 panel meetings per annum a payment will be made to members attending at least 50% of those meetings. *

Chair of Planning Committee - 100% of the basic allowance

Members of the Planning Committee – 20% of the basic allowance

Co-Chairs of Planning Committee – 71.63% of the basic allowance (the basis for this calculation is: the Portfolio Holder allowance and the Planning Committee member allowance have been combined and divided into two)

Substitute Members of the Planning Committee – 2.31% of the basic allowance, subject to the substitute member attending 50% of Planning Committee meetings, or 5 meetings in the municipal year whichever threshold was reached first. *

Leader of the largest opposition group - 70% of the basic allowance

Leader of all other opposition groups - 40% of the basic allowance

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Independent members of the Standards Committee - benchmarked to 10% of the basic allowance

Independent members of the Statutory Officer Discipline and Dismissal Committees - benchmarked to 10% of the basic allowance

Members of the Independent Remuneration Panel - benchmarked to 10% of the basic allowance (although this allowance is not reviewed by the Panel and is agreed independently by the Council)

** Paid in addition to other SRAs.*

*** Allowance to be paid to each Co-Chair of Planning Committee in the event that co-chairs, rather than a single Chair, are appointed during the committee membership process by full Council in accordance with the Planning Committee Co-Chairs protocol.*