

Public Notice

Cumbria County Council

MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES – SCHEME OF ALLOWANCES FOR THE REMUNERATION OF COUNTY COUNCILLORS

This Notice is published in accordance with Regulation 16(1) of the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003.

The Council on 19 June 2014 approved a series of reductions to special responsibility allowances. Members also agreed that the Basic Allowance will remain the same with no increase. Existing payments from telephone line and broadband to which all members are currently entitled, will now be paid as part of the Basic Allowance.

The Scheme of Member Allowances will apply with effect from 1 August 2014 primarily, with some changes to be effected after the next Council Annual General Meeting on 23 April 2015. The Scheme will apply until amended, revoked or 31 March 2017. In making the Scheme the Council had regard to the recommendations set out in the report of an Independent Remuneration Panel dated June 2014.

Changes have been agreed to the Basic Allowance (paid to all 84 Members) and Special Responsibility Allowances (paid to Members holding posts which have significant additional responsibility). The following table sets out the existing amounts of allowances, those recommended by the Independent Remuneration Panel and those agreed by the Council.

Allowance	Current Amount	Panel's Recommendation	New Allowance (effective 23 April 2015)
Chairman of the County Council	£5,165	£5,165	£5,165
Vice-Chairman of the County Council	£1,954	£1,954	£1,954
Leader of the Council	£22,937	Up to £25,000	£22,937
Deputy Leader of the Council	£12,617	Up to £14,000	£12,617
Cabinet Members	£8,600	Up to £10,000	£8,600
Chair of Scrutiny Management Board	£8,600	Up to £10,000	£8,600
Vice Chair of Scrutiny Management Board	£3,437	£0	£0
Chairs of Overview and Scrutiny Advisory Boards (3)	£6,880	£6,880	£6,880
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Scrutiny Advisory Boards (3)			
Chair of Health Scrutiny Committee	£6,880	£6,880	£6,880
Chairs of Local Committees (6)	£6,880	£6,880	£6,880
Vice Chairs of Local Committees (6)	£1,954	£0	£0
Chair of Audit and Assurance Committee	£6,880	£6,880	£6,880
Chair of Development Control and Regulation Committee	£6,880	£6,880	£6,880
Vice Chair of Development Control and Regulation Committee	£1,954	£0	£0
Opposition Group Spokesperson on Development Control and Regulation Committee	£1,954	£0	£0
Chair of Staffing Committee	£5,165	£1,954	£1,954
Chair of Pensions Committee	£2,296	Up to £5,165	£2,296
Chair of Corporate Parenting Panel	£5,165	£1,954	£1,954
Leader of the Conservative Group	£12,046	£0	£0
Deputy Leader of the Conservative Group	£1,954	£0	£0
Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group	£12,046	£0	£0
Deputy Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group	£1,954	£0	£0
Leader of the Labour Group	£12,046	£0	£0
Deputy Leader of the Labour Group	£1,954	£0	£0
Leader of the Largest Qualifying Opposition Group	N/A	Up to £12,046	£12,046
Leader of the Second Largest Qualifying Opposition Group	N/A	Up to £5,165	£5,165

The current Basic Allowance of £8,030 will with effect from 1 August 2014 have the allowances previously payable for telephone line rental and broadband incorporated making a **Basic Allowance of £8,240**. The Panel had recommended £8,320 (which included a 1% rise).

Note that Special Responsibility Allowances are not cumulative. If more than one position attracting an SRA is held only the highest applicable allowance will be paid.

Dependent Carer's Allowance remains unchanged at a maximum of £6.25 per hour capped at a limit of £1,250 per annum.

The Panel recommended no change in the current level of allowance paid to the Chair of the Workington Harbour Board at £6,818.

Councillors are entitled to expenses where they are incurred in connection with their role as a councillor. These include travel expenses. Mileage rates for travel by car, motorcycle and cycle adopt the HMRC (Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs) rates at 45p (25p above 10,000 miles), 24p and 20p per mile respectively.

No indexation of allowances was agreed.

Allowances and expenses payments made in 2013/14

The Council is required to make available the amounts paid to each councillor in respect of basic, special responsibility and dependent carer's allowances for the previous year. 2013/14 was an election year and consequently some members served on the Council for the whole financial year whilst others served only part of the year.

The figures for the year 2013/14 and copies of the new Scheme are available for inspection at the Council's offices during normal office hours and on the website:

www.cumbria.gov.uk/council-democracy/councillors-democracy-elections/councillors/allowances.asp