



BOSTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

SCHEME OF COUNCILLORS' ALLOWANCES AND INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL REPORT

Notice is hereby given that the Council has received a report from the Independent Remuneration Panel appointed in accordance with the Local Authorities (Members Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003. The Panel, having taken into consideration the guidance issued by the Government with respect to the Allowances which can be paid to Councillors of local authorities, has made the following recommendations for the payment of Allowances with effect from April 2018:-

Allowance	Current	Proposed
Basic Allowance	£4400	£4400
Leader of the Council	£8070	£13,200
Deputy Leader of the Council	£4706	£6600
Cabinet Members	£3361	£5500
Scrutiny Chairmen- Environment & Performance Corporate & Community	£1024	£1200
Scrutiny Vice-Chairmen- Environment & Performance Corporate & Community	£559	Remove allowance
Chairman of Audit & Governance Committee	£1024	£1200
Vice-Chairman of Audit & Governance Committee	£559	Remove allowance
Chairman of Planning Committee	£2016	£4400
Vice-Chairman of Planning Committee	£1100	£2200
Member of the Planning Committee (excluding Chairman and Vice-Chairman)	Nil	£600
Chairman of Licensing/Regulatory and Appeals Committee	£1344	£1200
Vice-Chairman Licensing/Regulatory and Appeals Committee	£733	Remove allowance
Licensing Hearing Panels	Nil	£50 per hearing
Mayor	£1344	£3300
Deputy Mayor	£745	£825
Opposition Group Leader's Allowance	Nil	£100 per member excluding Leader of the Group

The Panel has also recommended:

- That eligible Members be permitted to claim a maximum of 2 SRAs, with the exception of the Leader and Deputy Leader who may not claim a Cabinet Members Allowance in addition to the Leader and Deputy Leader allowance.
- That only one Deputy Leader's Allowance should be paid. If the Leader felt it necessary to appoint more than one Deputy Leader then they should decide whether to split the SRA between those deputies appointed, or to nominate one to receive the whole sum of £6,600 with others only receiving the Cabinet Members Allowance.
- That the basic allowance and special responsibility allowances be linked to staff pay awards for a four year period.
- That the Dependant Carers' Allowance be retained at current levels.
- That the travel and subsistence rates be retained at current levels.
- That the revised allowances be back dated to 1 April 2018.

The recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel are to be considered at a meeting of the Council to be held on Monday 30 April 2018.

Copies of the report are available for inspection during normal office hours at Municipal Buildings, West Street, Boston PE21 8QR, and can also be viewed on the Council's website.