

WEST LINDSEY DISTRICT COUNCIL

LOCAL AUTHORITIES (MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES) (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2003

MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES SCHEME

West Lindsey District Council has, under the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003, adopted a scheme of allowances for the period 1 April 2020 – 31 March 2021. In determining the scheme, the Council complied with the duty under Regulation 19 and had regard to the recommendations of an independent Remuneration Panel.

The recommendations of the Panel were agreed by the Council on 20 January 2020,

- (i) to increase the basic allowance to £6150 and incorporate broadband payment within this (previously £20 per month per Member);
- (ii) retain all remaining allowances at current rates;
- (iii) and where a committee has two Vice Chairs that the SRA allowance continue to be paid to both Vice Chairs;

SRA - Special Responsibility Allowances

	Current	New Rate
Basic Allowance	£5,590	£6,150
SRA - Leader of Council	£12,425	£12,425
SRA – Deputy Leader/s (in the event of two or more being nominated, the payment to be shared)	£4,505	£4,505
SRA -Chair of Council	£3,980	£3,980
SRA – Vice-Chair of Council	£1,370	£1,370
Civic Allowance for the Chairman of Council	£1,610	£1,610
Civic Allowance for the Vice-Chairman of Council	£440	£440
SRA – Committee Chairs*	£3,105	£3,105

SRA – Committee Vice-Chairs**	£1,470	£1,470
SRA – Leader of the Opposition (in the event of the Council being a ‘hung’ Council, the Leaders of the two largest groups be paid the same special responsibility allowance as for the Leader of the Opposition)	£4,505	£4,505
SRA – Deputy Leader of the Opposition	£820	£820
SRA – Minority Group Leaders (per group member, and including the Group Leader)	£100	£100
Co-optees’ Allowance – A payment of £60.00 for the first four hours of attendance at a meeting/event and a second payment for attendance in excess of four hours. The first four hours would commence from the start time of the meeting (To be paid when not chairing a meeting).	£60	No change

*excluding Licensing Committee and Regulatory Committee Chairs

** excluding Licensing Committee and Regulatory Committee Vice Chairs

Split SRA between Licensing Committee and Regulatory Committee:

SRA – Licensing Cttee Chair	£1,555	£1,555
SRA – Regulatory Cttee Chair	£1,555	£1,555

SRA – Licensing Cttee Vice Chair £735 £735

SRA – Regulatory Cttee Vice Chair £735 £735

Dependent Carers Allowance: Maximum per hour (no change) £10

Eye Tests: reimbursement of the cost of an eye test up to a maximum of £20 in a two year period (no change).

No change to the travel allowances. Travel allowances are currently in line with the tax efficient rate authorised by the Inland Revenue.

Where rail travel amounts to more than £25, then this should be booked centrally through Committee Admin; giving as much notice as possible of the intention to travel, and utilising any discount rail cards. “Standard fare” tickets should be the default position, unless the cost of first class, (which includes a meal/wif-fi), is lower than the cost of “standard fare” plus any subsistence payment that may arise.

Subsistence – No change (Receipts must be provided for subsistence claimed and attached to the claim form).

- a. Absence of more than four hours but no more than eight hours – only the cost of one meal can be reimbursed up to a maximum of £15.
- b. Absence of more than eight hours but no more than 12 hours – only the cost of two meals can be reimbursed up to a maximum of £25.
- c. Absence of more than 12 hours but no more than 16 hours – only the cost of three meals can be reimbursed up to a maximum of £33.
- d. Absence of more than 16 hours but not including an overnight stay – only the cost of four meals can be reimbursed up to a maximum of £40.
- e. Overnight – No Change – £83
- f. Overnight (London or LGA) – No Change – £208

Copies of the scheme and the record of payments made under it may be inspected free of charge at the Guildhall, Marshall’s Yard, Gainsborough, Lincs DN21 2NA at any time during normal office hours. Copies of the scheme will be provided on receipt of 10 pence per side of A4 copied.

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