

## TONBRIDGE AND MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

### SCHEME OF MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES

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

The Borough Council received a report from an Independent Remuneration Panel containing recommendations for amendments to the Scheme of Members' Allowances. The Panel's recommendations as to basic and special responsibility allowances were considered in detail by the Full Council at its meeting on 11 July 2023.

The Council resolved to accept the Panel's recommendations in full (subject to amendments in respect of allowances for the Deputy Leader, Vice-Chairs and Opposition Group Leaders) with effect from 11 July 2023.

	<b>Panel Recommendations 2023/24</b>	<b>Resolved Allowances 2023/24</b>
	£	£
<b>Basic Allowance to all Councillors</b>	5,175	5,175
<b>Special Responsibility Allowances (SRA):</b>		
Leader	20,706	20,706
Deputy Leader	10,353	15,528
Opposition Group Leader(s):		
• Liberal Democrat	4,401#	4,401.00#
• Independent Alliance Kent	N/A	4,401.00#
• The Green Party	4,401#	4,401.00#
• The Labour Party	N/A	4,401.00#
# Fixed lump sum		
Cabinet Member	8,802	8,802.00
<b>Chair:</b>		
Overview & Scrutiny Committee	2,589	2,589.00
Joint Standards Committee	2,589	2,589.00
Licensing & Appeals Committee	2,589	2,589.00
General Purposes Committee	1,725	1,725.00
Audit Committee	2,589	2,589.00

	<b>Panel Recommendations 2023</b>	<b>Resolved Allowances 2023/24</b>
	£	£
Area Planning Committees x 3	1,725	1,725.00
Programmed Scrutiny Select Committee x 3	2,589	2,589.00
<b>Vice Chair:</b>		
Overview & Scrutiny Committee x 2	0	647.00
Joint Standards Committee	0	647.00
Licensing & Appeals Committee	0	647.00
General Purposes Committee	0	431.00
Audit Committee	0	647.00
Area Planning Committees x 3	0	431.00
Programmed Scrutiny Select Committee x 3	0	647.00

# Opposition Group Leader allowance made up of £4,401 fixed lump sum. To qualify, neither the leader of an opposition group nor any members of the opposition leader's group can serve on Cabinet. The Opposition Group Leaders are eligible to receive a maximum of 1 Special Responsibility Allowance in addition to their group leader's allowance.

The Panel also recommended that:

- (1) Childcare and Dependent Carers allowances be set at a maximum of £10.42 per hour and £18 per hour respectively.
- (2) Mileage allowances be set at HMRC rates.
- (3) Scheme for meal and/or subsistence allowances ceased with effect from 11 July 2023.
- (4) Principle of annual indexation of allowances, including allowances for Mayor and Deputy Mayor, in line with the staff pay award be retained.
- (5) Individual members should not receive more than one Special Responsibility Allowance, excluding Opposition Group Leaders.
- (6) The Independent Remuneration Panel's report is available for inspection by members of the public on the Council's website at [www.tmbc.gov.uk](http://www.tmbc.gov.uk) or during normal office hours at the Council's principal office at Gibson Building, Gibson Drive, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent ME19 4LZ.

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