

TONBRIDGE AND MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

SCHEME OF MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES

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

Notice is hereby given by Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council pursuant to Regulation 22(1)(b) of the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003 that it has received the recommendations from an Independent Remuneration Panel in respect of its Scheme of Members' Allowances. The Panel's recommendations are to be considered in detail by the General Purposes Committee on 3 July and thereafter by Full Council at its meeting on 11 July 2023.

The recommendations of the Panel in respect of basic and special responsibility allowances payable in 2023/24 are set out below:

	Resolved Allowances 2022/23	Panel Recommendations 2023
	£	£
Basic Allowance to all Councillors	5,175	5,175
Special Responsibility Allowances (SRA):		
Leader	20,706	20,706
Deputy Leader	15,528	10,353
Opposition Group Leader(s):	1,294#	
• Liberal Democrat	3,621	4,401##
• Independent Alliance Kent	2,070	N/A
• The Green Party	1,809	4,401##
• The Labour Party	N/A	N/A
+258 per group member#		Fixed sum##
Cabinet Member	8,802	8,802
Chair:		
Overview & Scrutiny Committee	2,589	2,589
Joint Standards Committee	2,589	2,589
Licensing & Appeals Committee	2,589	2,589
General Purposes Committee	1,656	1,725
Audit Committee	2,589	2,589

	Resolved Allowances 2022/23	Panel Recommendations 2023
	£	£
Area Planning Committees x 3	1,725	1,725
Programmed Scrutiny Select Committee x 3	1,656	2,589
Vice Chair:		
Overview & Scrutiny Committee x 2	648	0
Joint Standards Committee	648	0
Licensing & Appeals Committee	648	0
General Purposes Committee	336	0
Audit Committee	648	0
Area Planning Committees x 3	336	0
Programmed Scrutiny Select Committee x 3	0	0

Opposition Group Leader allowance made up of £1,294 lump sum plus £258 per member of group up to July 2023.

To qualify, neither the leader of an opposition group nor any members of the leader's group can serve on Cabinet, and their group must be comprised of at least 5 councillors.

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 in line with the staff pay award be retained.
5. Individual members should not receive more than one SRA.

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 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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