

Part 6

Members' Allowances Scheme

[Proposed changes and additions are shown in italics and underlined and proposed deletions are shown struck through]

1. SCHEME FOR THE PAYMENT OF MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES

1.01 Made in accordance with the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003 and in force for the municipal year 2008/09 (i.e. 1 April 2008 to 31 March 2009).

2. BASIC ALLOWANCE

2.01 Each Councillor will be entitled to receive the sum of £10,248 by way of Basic Allowance (subject to an increase from 1 April 2008 in line with the percentage increase agreed in the national settlement for Local Authority officers).

2.02 If a Councillor does not serve as such for the whole 12-month period or becomes disqualified, he/she will only be entitled to receive pro-rata payment for the period(s) during which he/she actually was a serving Councillor. This principle applies to service on Council bodies by independent Standards Committee members and education representatives on scrutiny bodies.

3. INCLUDED EXPENSES

3.01 Travel Expenses.

The Basic Allowance includes all travel within the M25. Councillors are not entitled to any form of concession or special permit as Councillors for parking in the Borough.

3.02 Telephones and I.T.

The Basic Allowance includes Councillors' telephone call charges, both mobile and landline, for which Councillors are billed individually. The Council meets the rental for apparatus, including broadband, and all datacharges.

4. MAYORAL ALLOWANCES

4.01 The additional allowances for the Mayor and Deputy Mayor are:

- (a) The Mayor is entitled to an additional allowance of £15,372.
- (b) The Deputy Mayor is entitled to an additional allowance of £3,843.

These allowances are subject to an increase from 1 April 2008 in line with the percentage increase agreed in the national settlement for Local Authority officers.

5. SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY ALLOWANCES

5.01 Haringey Council will allocate Special Responsibility Allowances in four bands, to Councillors who take on certain additional roles. All allowances are subject to an increase from 1 April 2008 in line with the percentage increase agreed in the national settlement for Local Authority officers.

Band	Position	Special Allowance	Total Allowance
Band 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leader 	£30,744	£40,992
Band 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 x Cabinet Members • Opposition Leader • Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee 	£23,058	£33,306
Band 2 Band 2 (continued)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair of General Purposes Committee • Chief Whip • Chair of Planning Committee • Chair of Licensing Committee • Chair of Alexandra Palace and Park Board • Chair of Audit Committee • Chair of Pensions Committee • Opposition Deputy Leader • Opposition Chief Whip • 6 x Councillors on Overview and Scrutiny Committee 	£15,372	£25,620
Band 1	7 x Chairs of Area Assemblies	£7,686	£17,934

6. MULTIPLE RESPONSIBILITIES

- 6.01 Where a Councillor holds more than one post of special responsibility, he/she may only receive one Special Responsibility Allowance. Where a Councillor holds more than one post of special responsibility and the posts have Special Responsibility Allowances of different monetary values, the Councillor would receive the higher one. For the purposes of this paragraph, the Mayor and Deputy Mayor count as posts of special responsibility.

7. CO-OPTEEES' ALLOWANCES

- 7.01 Each independent Standards Committee member and each education representative on scrutiny bodies is entitled to an allowance of £600 excepting the Chair of the Standards Committee who is entitled to an allowance of £1,230. These allowances are subject to an increase from 1 April 2008 in line with the percentage increase agreed in the national settlement for Local Authority officers. This incorporates all other allowances, with the exception of babysitting and dependants allowance. No allowances are payable to others who are not elected Councillors.

8. BABYSITTING AND DEPENDANTS ALLOWANCE

- 8.01 Councillors and non-elected members can claim this allowance based on the following :
- (a) That reimbursement be made at a maximum rate of £5.72 per hour. The period of payment should include the time of the meeting, together with reasonable travelling time of the member, plus any necessary travelling expenses of the carer to and from their home.
 - (b) Children over the age of 16 must not be claimed for, unless suffering from an illness or disability making constant care essential.

9. TRAVELLING AND SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE

Councillors can claim this allowance for attending approved meetings, training and conferences etc. only to the extent that it involves travel outside the M25. Claims must be based on the following :

- (a) The mileage rate for travel by private car is 34.6 pence per mile. An extra 3 pence per mile is payable for each passenger for whom

a travelling allowance would otherwise be payable. The cost of tolls, ferries and parking charges can be claimed.

(b) The mileage rate for travel by solo motor cycle is :

Not exceeding	150 cc	8.5 pence per mile
Over	150 cc but not over 500 cc	12.3 pence per mile
Over	500 cc	16.5 pence per mile

(c) On public transport only the ordinary or cheaper fare can be claimed where more than one class is available

(d) The cost of a taxi, including a reasonable tip, can be claimed only in case of urgency or where public transport is not practicable or reasonably available

(e) The maximum rates for subsistence allowance on approved duties are as follows:

For an absence of more than 4 hours before 11.00	£4.92
For an absence of more than 4 hours including lunchtime between 12.00 and 14.00	£6.77
For an absence of more than 4 hours including the period 15.00 to 18.00	£2.67
For an absence of more than 4 hours ending after 19.00	£8.38

10. CLAIMS AND PAYMENTS

10.01 The Basic Allowance and Special Responsibility Allowances will be paid in equal monthly instalments.

10.02 The Co-optees' Allowance must be claimed by, and will be paid at, the end of the municipal year, subject to paragraphs 2.02 above and 10.04 below.

10.03 All claims for Travelling and Subsistence Allowance and Babysitting and Dependants Allowance must be made within two months of the relevant meeting or the costs being incurred by the Councillor or non-elected member, subject to paragraph 10.04 below..

10.04 If any Allowance under paragraphs 10.02 or 10.03 is not claimed within the prescribed time limit, the Head of Local Democracy & Members' Services shall have a discretion to make the payment nonetheless.

10.05 Any Councillor or non-elected member may elect to forego his/her entitlement to all or part of any allowance by giving written notice at any time to the Head of Local Democracy & Members' Services.

11. WITHHOLDING AND REPAYMENT OF ALLOWANCES

11.01 The Standards Committee or any of its Sub-Committees is authorised to withdraw the payment of the allowances set out below in whole or in part, as appropriate, in the event of a Councillor being suspended or partially suspended. The allowances covered by this provision are the following:

(a) Basic Allowance;

(b) Special Responsibility Allowance;

(c) Travelling and Subsistence Allowances; and

(d) Co-optees' Allowance.

11.02 Where the Standards Committee/Sub-Committee withdraws any of the above allowances in whole or in part and it transpires that the Councillor has already been paid in whole or in part for the relevant period of suspension or partial suspension, then the Standards Committee/Sub-Committee may require that the Councillor repay the relevant amount to the Council.

12. MEMBERSHIP OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENSION SCHEME

12.01 All eligible Councillors are allowed to join the Local Government Pension scheme in respect of the Basic and Special Responsibility Allowances paid to them as part of this scheme of allowances.