EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

**MEMBERS ALLOWANCES SCHEME – REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT in accordance with Section 22 of the Local Authorities (Members Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003, East Cambridgeshire District Council’s Independent Remuneration Panel has made recommendations on the level of allowances to be paid to District Councillors as set out in column 2 below.

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| CURRENT MEMBERS ALLOWANCES | **INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL RECOMMENDATION** |
| Basic Allowance  Each Councillor £5,406 | No change |
| **Special Responsibility Allowances (SRAs)**  Chair Vice Chair  Policy Committees £3060 £714  Planning Committee £3060 £1530  Licensing Committee £2040 £510  Combined Auth Board N/A N/A  Member  Combined Auth Board N/A N/A  Deputy Member  Combined Auth O&S Cttee N/A N/A  Member  Combined Auth Audit & Gov N/A N/A  Cttee Member  Combined Auth Exec Cttee N/A N/A  Member  Chairman of Council £4,284  Vice-Chairman of Council £1,122  Working Party and Sub-Committee £51 per month N/A  Leader of the Council £6,120  Deputy Leader of the Council £2,040  Leader of Lead Political Group £2040  Leader of Main Opposition Group £2040  Other Political Group Leader N/A  (Group of 5 or more)  Other Political Group Leader N/A  (Group of less than 5)  Independent Member £379  Group Spokesperson(s):  To be paid to the Liberal Democrats for those sitting on Policy Committees and Planning Committee, and to the Independent Spokesperson on Planning Committee at 10% of the relevant Chairman’s Special Responsibility Allowance. | £4500 £1500  £4500 £2250  £3000 £1000  £5000  £1500  £1500  £800  £800  £5000  £2500  £75.00 £25 per  per month month  £9000  £4500  £4500  £4500  £4500  £ Pro rata by number  Of Members  £900  20% of Chair’s SRA for Group Spokesperson for each Committee |
| **Co-Optees’ & Independent Persons Allowances**  Parish/Town Council Members of Finance & Governance Hearings Sub-Committee £255  Independent Persons £765 | £275  £1000 |
| **Travel and Subsistence Allowances**  (a) Private Cars 45p per mile  (Inland Revenue rate)   1. Motorcycle and Cycle 25p per mile   (c) Public Transport  Necessary travel to be refunded on receipt of claims, paid at Standard or Second Class rate.  (d) Day subsistence guidelines from East of England Local Government Association:  (i) Breakfast allowance (More than 4 hours away from normal place of residence or where the authority permits, a lesser period, before 11 am) £7.50;  (ii) Lunch allowance (more than 4 hours away from normal place of residence or where the authority permits, a lesser period, including the lunchtime between 12 noon and 2 pm) £10.00;  (iii) Tea allowance (more than 4 hours away from normal place of residence or where the authority permits, a lesser period, including the period 3 pm to 6 pm) £4.00;  (iv) Evening meal allowance (more than 4 hours away from the normal place of residence or where the authority permits, a lesser period, ending after 7 pm) £12.50.  (e) Overnight subsistence  For an absence overnight from the usual place of residence the rate will be based on actual reimbursement for a reasonable area rate of accommodation. Payment should not exceed the cost of 3 star or equivalent accommodation and claims for overnight stays within Cambridgeshire will not be approved. | No change to all Travel & Subsistence Allowances |
| **Creche or Dependent Carer's Expenses**  Hourly rate to accord to National Living Wage. | No change |
| **Special Conditions – SRAs**  N/A | Councillors only be allowed to claim a maximum of 2 SRAs |
| **Indexation**  The Basic Allowance and Special Responsibility Allowances indexed to the level of the local government staff pay award for the year concerned. | No change |
| **Pension Scheme Eligibility**  No longer applicable, as Government announced that Councillors who are not existing members of the Local Government Pension Scheme on 1 April 2014 may not join the scheme after that date. | N/A |

Copies of the full report are available on the Council’s Website [www.eastcambs.gov.uk](http://www.eastcambs.gov.uk) and free of charge on request from Democratic Services (ring 01353 665555) and for inspection at the Council Offices, The Grange, Nutholt Lane, Ely, between 8.45am and 5pm, Mondays to Thursdays and 8.45am and 4.30pm on Fridays.

The report of the Independent Remuneration Panel will be considered at the full Council meeting on 17 October 2019, in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, The Grange, Ely. Members of the public are welcome to attend this meeting.

**John Hill**

**Chief Executive**