

MEMBERS' ALLOWANCE SCHEME – 2008/09

Basic Allowance £5,709 per annum
(paid to all members)

Special Responsibility Allowances in addition to Basic Allowances:

Chairman of the Authority £14,086 per annum
(Independent Panel recommended Chairmen should be paid between £15,400 and £23,100 including Basic Allowance)

Vice-Chairman of the Authority £6,167 per annum
(Independent Panel recommended Vice-Chairmen should be paid between £10,500 and £17,500 including Basic Allowance)

Chairman of the Audit, Resources and Continuous Improvement Committee £3,426 per annum

Chairman of the Community Engagement and Communications Committee £2,854 per annum

Chairman of the Human Resources Committee £2,854 per annum

Chairman of the Professional Standards and Diversity Committee £2,854 per annum

APA Council Representative £2,854 per annum

1. The cost of Members' Allowances in a full year would be £126,439. Provision has been made in this year's budget to meet the proposed costs.
2. If any member has responsibilities as a carer or for dependants, the Independent Panel has recommended that they should receive payments and the Police Authority has agreed to uprate the 2008/09 Dependant Carers' Allowance to £8 per hour enabling members to claim reimbursement of actual expenditure incurred up to that maximum hourly rate. The rate will be uprated annually thereafter on the basis of uprating that already applies to other members' allowances.
3. If any member, through ill health, is not able to attend meetings of the Authority, the payment of allowances should continue for a period of three months but if the period extends beyond that the situation should be discussed between the Chairman and the member and a recommendation made to the Authority.
4. If a member is suspended for any reason, they should not receive any allowance for the period of the suspension. However, if the member is exonerated, they should be paid the allowances which they would have received had they not been suspended.
5. The daily rate for Independent Members on Standards Committees has increased to £140 per day and will be uprated annually thereafter on the basis of uprating that already applies to other members' allowances.