

MEMBERS' ALLOWANCE SCHEME – 2007/08

Basic Allowance £5,548 per annum
(paid to all members)

Special Responsibility Allowances in addition to Basic Allowances:

Chairman of the Authority £13,689 per annum
(Independent Panel recommended Chairmen should be paid between £15,400 and £23,100 including Basic Allowance)

Vice-Chairman of the Authority £5,993 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 £3,329 per annum

Chairman of the Community Engagement and Communications Committee £2,774 per annum

Chairman of the Human Resources Committee £2,774 per annum

Chairman of the Professional Standards and Diversity Committee £2,774 per annum

APA Plenary Representative £2,774 per annum

1. The cost of Members' Allowances in a full year would be £128,423.00. 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 it is recommended that these should be at a rate of up to £6 per hour.
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. Lay Members of the Professional Standards and Diversity Committee and the members of the Selection Panel for the Independent Members are paid a daily rate of £130 per day, recognising the preparation and reading time which they have to commit. This is in line with the recommendations of the Independent Panel.