

SOUTH LAKELAND DISTRICT COUNCIL

Local Authorities (Members' Allowances)

(England) Regulations 2003

Notice is hereby given by South Lakeland District Council (the Council) pursuant to Regulation 22(1)(b) of the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003 that it has received recommendations from an Independent Remuneration Panel in respect of its Members' Allowances Scheme. The Council will consider these recommendations at its meeting to be held on 19 December 2017.

The main features of the Independent Remuneration Panel's recommendations are as follows:-

- An increase up to a maximum of 1% on the Basic Allowance to bring it up to £4,038 per annum;
- No change to existing Special Responsibility Allowances (SRAs) save for the removal of an allowance for Vice-Chairman of the Council;
- Other than the Group Leaders' Allowance, Councillors should receive no more than one SRA;
- Out of County Mileage Allowance to remain part of the single travel allowance scheme as per the previous year;
- Travel expenses to be in accordance with the maximum rates set by HMRC without attracting a tax charge (currently 45p per mile), this to apply to the first 150 miles of a return journey regardless of the destination and 25p per mile thereafter;
- Subsistence expenses to increase by RPI as at 1 April 2018;
- No change to Childcare/Dependent Carers' Allowance. Payments to remain at a maximum allowance of £15 per hour. The Allowance to be paid from the time the recipient leaves home to time of return;
- Co-optees' Allowance be increased by up to a maximum of 1% to bring it up to £37.63 per meeting.

Details of the approved SRAs and Subsistence and Travel Expenses are set out below.

Special Responsibility Allowances			£ p.a.
Leader of the Cabinet (With Portfolio)			12,120.00
Deputy Leader (With Portfolio)			7,171.00
Other Members of the Cabinet			6,060.00
Leader of the Opposition			1,863.00
Chairman of the Council and Chairman of all Committees (with the exception of the Chairman of Planning Committee)			1,863.00
Chairman of Planning Committee			2,329.00
Group Leaders	Number of Councillors in the Group at the preceding Annual Council meeting	2 – 5	372.00
		6 – 10	496.00
		11 – 15	621.00
		16 – 20	742.00
		21 – 26	871.00
		27 +	1,245.00
Members of the Shadow Cabinet (with the exception of the Leader of the Opposition)			505.00

Subsistence Expenses:-	
Period of Absence	
4 – 8 hours	£9.33
Over 8 but less than 12 hours	£13.34
Over 12 but less than 24 hours	£25.14
Overnight stay	Reasonable actual expense
Bed & Breakfast	Reasonable actual expense
Travel Expenses:-	
Public Transport	Least amount of either the ordinary fare, standard class or cheapest fare for the journey.
Car mileage	The mileage rate for travel by car to be in accordance with the maximum rates set by HMRC without attracting a tax charge (currently 45p per mile) this to apply to the first 150 miles of a return journey regardless of the destination and 25p per mile thereafter.
Taxi	If unavoidable, full reimbursement of cost.
Bicycle and Motorcycle	Maximum rate set by HMRC without attracting a tax charge (currently £0.20 and £0.24 per mile respectively)
Incidental expenses e.g. car park charges	Reimbursed on production of receipt.

The rates for travel and subsistence expenses will be reviewed from 1 April 2018, travel in accordance with the rates issued by H.M. Revenue and Customs and subsistence in line with the increase in the Retail Price Index.

Copies of the IRP's report and the recommended Scheme are available for inspection by members of the public at South Lakeland House, Lowther Street, Kendal, Cumbria, LA9 4UQ during normal office hours (9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. Monday to Friday) or on the Council's website at www.southlakeland.gov.uk

Copies of the report and amended scheme may be purchased at a charge of £5 per copy.

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