

Part Five, Section 1

Introduction to the Member Allowances Scheme

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1.1. All Councils are required to form a scheme of allowances that:

- Determines how much individual Councillors receive for being a Councillor; (the basic allowance)
- Determines how much those Councillors who have additional responsibilities should receive (special responsibilities allowances)
- Determines the circumstances under which Councillors may claim expenses for costs they have incurred because they are a Councillor

1.2 The Council must set the scheme in accordance with the requirements of the Local Authorities (Members Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003. The Scheme has been produced having due regard to the recommendations of an Independent Remuneration Panel, a group of individuals who are entirely separate from the Council who have considered how much Councillors should receive.