

EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL
MEMBERS ALLOWANCES SCHEME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT in accordance with Regulation 16 of the Local Authorities (Members Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003, East Cambridgeshire District Council has amended its scheme of allowances to be paid to District Councillors as set out below with effect from 1 April 2024, in accordance with the recommendations made by its Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP):

Basic Allowance - Each Councillor: £6,977.93 per annum

Special Responsibility Allowances (per annum unless otherwise stated):

<u>Committees</u>	<u>Chair</u>	<u>Vice Chair</u>
<u>Policy Committees:</u>		
Finance & Assets Committee	£5,338.89	£2,669.45
Operational Services Committee	£5,338.89	£2,669.45
<u>Regulatory Committees:</u>		
Planning Committee	£5,694.82	£2,847.41
Licensing Committee	£5,338.89	£2,669.45
Audit Committee	£5,338.89	£2,669.45
Sub Committee and Working Party	£88.98 per month	£29.63 per month
Planning Committee Ordinary Member	£1,138.96 (20% of Planning Cttee Chair's SRA)	
Planning Committee Substitute Member	£569.48 (50% of Planning Cttee Ordinary Member SRA)	

<u>Leadership & Co-Optees Roles</u>	
Leader of Council	£12,711.63
Deputy Leader of Council	£6,355.83
Leader of Lead Political Group	£6,355.83
Leader of Main Opposition Group	£6,355.83
Deputy Leader of Main Opposition Group	£3,177.90
Other Political Group Leader (Group of 5 or more)	£6,355.83
Other Political Group Leader (Group of less than 5)	£ pro rata by number of Members £1,271.15
Group Spokesperson for each Committee at 20% of the relevant Chairman's Special Responsibility Allowance	

Chair of Council	£5,932.10
Vice-Chair of Council	£2,966.05
Independent Person (x2)	£1,186.42
Parish/Town Council Member of Finance & Assets Hearings Sub-Committee (x2)	£326.27

Combined Authority Allowances	
Combined Authority (CA) Board Member	£5,932.10
CA Board Deputy Member	£1,779.64
CA O&S Committee Member	£1,779.64
CA Audit & Governance Cttee Member	£949.14
CA Executive Committee Member (if not Board Member or Deputy)	£949.14
CA Committee Substitute Member (if not Board Member or Deputy)	£237.29

Travel and Subsistence Allowances:

- (a) Private Cars
45p per mile (Inland Revenue rate)
- (b) Motorcycle and Cycle:
Motorcycle 24p per mile (Inland Revenue rate)
Bicycle 20p per mile (Inland Revenue rate)
- (c) Public Transport
Necessary travel to be refunded on receipt of claims, paid at Standard or Second Class rate.
- (d) Day subsistence:
- (i) Breakfast allowance (More than 4 hours away from normal place of residence or where the authority permits, a lesser period, before 11 am) £10.00;
 - (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) £15.00;
 - (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) £6.00;
 - (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) £20.00.
- (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.

Residency Criteria

Travelling and Subsistence Allowances to be applicable from normal place of residence for Council, Committee, Sub-Committee and Working Party meetings only. For other 'approved duties', Travelling and Subsistence Allowances to be applicable from a designated location within the District only.

Creche or Dependent Carer's Expenses

Councillors to be able to claim up to £30 per hour, with payment upon presentation of receipts

Special Conditions – SRAs

Councillors only be allowed to claim a maximum of 3 SRAs

Indexation

The Basic Allowance and Special Responsibility Allowances indexed to the level of the local government staff pay award for the year concerned.

Pension Scheme Eligibility

No longer applicable – Government stated that Councillors who are not existing members of Local Government Pension Scheme on 1 April 2014 may not join the scheme after that date.

Copies of the full scheme are available on the Council's Website www.eastcambs.gov.uk 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.

John Hill
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