

Bury Council

2021 Review of Members' Allowances

By the

Independent Remuneration Panel

Aide Memoire for Interviews and Written Submissions

The Council's statutory Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP) will be meeting **DATES TBC** 2021 to review the Members' Allowances Scheme.

It is important to the IRP that all Members have the opportunity to raise any issues they wish to be considered during this review. Consequently, this aide memoire is being sent to all Members seeking your opinion on the current scheme and possible areas for revision, if at all.

Representations made by Members will be treated in confidence. In the report no one will be identified as making a specific point.

There are no right or wrong answers to the questions. The IRP is asking for individual Members' views. You may not have a view on all issues raised or simply consider there is no need for change.

Please return written submissions via Julie Gallagher, Head of Democratic Services, at Julie.Gallagher@bury.gov.uk by **XXX DATE TBC 2021**

Please insert your name:

Position(s) you hold as a Councillor:

1. Basic Allowance (£)

(a) The Basic Allowance is primarily a time based allowance to enable most people to be a Councillor - does the current BA fulfil this function?

(b) Is there case to revise the Basic Allowance?

(c) What should the Basic Allowance be?

2. Special Responsibility Allowances (SRAs) and Civic Allowances

SRAs are paid to Members for the additional work & responsibility associated with particular roles to which they are appointed. The current SRA/Civic Allowance schedule is:

Remunerated Post	SRA	Comments
Leader of the Council (1)	£25,503	
Deputy Leader of Council (1)	£15,307	
Other Cabinet Members (6)	£10,203	
Deputy Cabinet Members (6)	£1,338	
Chair Planning Committee (1)	£6,379	
Chairs Overview & Scrutiny Committees (3)	£6,379	
Chair Audit Committee (1)	£6,379	
Chair Licensing Committee (1)	£6,379	
Members on Licensing Panels – when attending over 10 meetings per year	£25 p/day £12.50 – 2-4 hours £6 up to 2 hours	
Main Opposition Group Leader (1)	£8,419	
Main Opposition Deputy Group Leader (1)	£3,364	
Other Opposition Group Leaders (2)	£4,210	
Other Opposition Deputy Group Leaders (2)	£1,515	
SRAs paid under GMCA 2011 Order		
Members GMCA Waste & Recycling Committee (2)	£2,364	
Members GMCA Transport Committee (2)	£4,272	
Civic Allowances (paid under 1972 Act		
Mayor Civic Allowance	£16,472	
Deputy Mayor Civic Allowance	£4,118	

- (a) Would you change any of the SRAs/Civic Allowances currently payable either
 (i) Relative to other SRAs currently payable or

(ii) In monetary terms

(b) Are any particular issues you wish to raise in regard to SRAs currently payable e.g., should any SRAs be discontinued?

3. Other Posts not currently remunerated

(a) Are there any other posts which should be paid a SRA?

(b) If so, why and/or at what level?

4. Other Allowances

(a) Do you consider any changes are needed to any other allowances namely:

(i) Travel & mileage allowances

(ii) Subsistence allowances

(iii) Dependants' Carers' Allowance (DCA)

(iv) Telephone Allowance (£14.99 p/month)

(b) Are there other costs the Panel needs to take into account?

5. Indexation of Allowances

(a) Should allowances continue to be indexed – main allowances currently indexed to annual per cent age salary rise as applied to Officers (the NJC index)

6. Any Other Issues

(a) Are there any other issues which you consider the Panel should take into account when reviewing the Members' Allowances Scheme?

7. Priority for this Review

(a) What is the main issue for this review to address? What is the most pressing change that is required, if any?

Thank you for your assistance.