



COUNCILLORS ALLOWANCES
Supplementary Report of the
Independent Remuneration Panel
2014-2015

OCTOBER 2015

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL –
SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT**

2014-2015

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

FOREWORD

On 14th April 2015, the Independent Remuneration Panel presented its Annual Report to City Council. This report made recommendations on the Basic Allowance, co-optee allowances, the if10.02 0 PORT

SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY ALLOWANCES

In April 2015, the Panel recommended a new approach for calculating Special Responsibility Allowances and this was agreed by City Council. The Panel recognised that the Leader's role takes the most responsibility assessed at 100% and all the other roles are then taken as

Appendix 1: Special Responsibility Allowances 2015-16

Bands	Role	% Level of responsibility	SRA £	Basic Allowance £	Total £
1	Leader of the Council	100%	50,000.00	16,267.00	66,267.00
1	Deputy Leader of the Council	80%	40,000.00	16,267.00	56,267.00
2	Cabinet Member	50%	25,000.00	16,267.00	41,267.00
3	Chair of the Planning Committee	30%	15,000.00	16,267.00	31,267.00
3	Chair of the Licensing & Public Protection				

Appendix 1: Proposed Members' Allowance Rates (from 19 May 2015)

BASIC ALLOWANCE (per annum unless otherwise stated)	£
Baseline per Day Rate	132.93
Basic Allowance (with effect from 01 October 2013)	16,267.00
Time Element	15,552.00
Additional Expenses Element	715.00

Figures in brackets represent rates prior to May 2015

SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY ALLOWANCE (per annum unless otherwise stated)	
Baseline per week (£1,125.30 discounted by 15%)	956.51 (968.32)

STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP	
Leader of the Council (rounded up)	50,000.00 (50,352.00)
Deputy Leader of the Council	40,000.00 (37,764.00)

STRATEGIC SHARED RESPONSIBILITY	
Cabinet Member	25,000.00 (28,197.00)

RESPONSIBILITY FOR CHAIRING KEY REGULATORY, OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEES	
Chair of the Planning Committee	15,000.00 (14,803.00)
Chair of Licensing & Public Protection Committee	15,000.00 (14,803.00)
Leader of the Largest Qualifying Opposition Group	12,500.00 (12,689.00)
Chair of an Overview & Scrutiny Committee	12,500.00 (12,689.00)
Executive Member for Local Services	7,500.00 (10,574.00)

OTHER ROLES WITH SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY	
Deputy Leader of the Largest Qualifying Opposition Group	7,000.00 (6,545.00)
Chair of the Audit Committee	5,000.00 (5,659.00)
Chair of the Trust and Charities Committee	5,000.00 (5,659.00)
Leader of Other Qualifying Opposition Groups	5,000.00 (5,287.00)
Deputy Leader of Other Qualifying Opposition Groups	2,500.00 (2,115.00)
Lead Opposition Spokesperson (Shadow Cabinet)	2,500.00 (2,618.00)
Political Group Secretaries	2,500.00 (2,179.00)

(A Qualifying Opposition Group is one with a minimum of 6 Members)

CO-OPTEE ALLOWANCES (per annum)	£
Chair of the Standards Committee	1000.00
Member of an Overview & Scrutiny Committee	831.00
Member of the Standards Committee	557.00

CARERS' ALLOWANCES

£

Independent care - hourly rate with effect from October 2015	8.25
Professional care with supporting documentation - hourly rate of	8.73

TRAVEL EXPENSES AND SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCES

Car, Motorcycle and Bicycle Allowance Rates are set in line with those paid to officers of the authority.

Day and Overnight Subsistence Allowances are set in line with those paid to officers of the authority or the inflation factor in the council's budget.

Car Mileage Rates

First 10,000 business miles in tax year	45p per mile
Each business mile over 10,000 in tax year	25p per mile
Supplement for official passenger	5p per mile

If car mileage is claimed for travel outside the West Midlands area, the payment will be the

Benchmark Day Subsistence (excluding VAT)	£
Breakfast	4.48
Lunch	6.17
Tea	2.43
Evening Meal	7.64

Benchmark Overnight Subsistence (excluding VAT)

In London	97.09
Other locations outside London	85.13

The reasonable cost of meals taken, overnight accommodation and minor associated out-of-pocket expenses will be reimbursed, **subject to the provision of supporting receipts**. The validity of claims made will be judged against where the meal was taken or where the stay occurred, the total time spent on the duty and the relevant benchmark subsistence value.