



## **COUNCILLORS' ALLOWANCES**

### **Annual Report of the Birmingham Independent Remuneration Panel 2015-2016**

**APRIL 2016**



## **FOREWORD**

The Independent Remuneration Panel met twice in January 2016 to review the basic allowance. This follows the full 'root and branch' review of the Members' Allowances Scheme, completed last year.

The Panel reviewed the evidence for the basic allowance and – through a combination of factors – has recommended that this remain unchanged for another year.

As a full review of Special Responsibility Allowances

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. The Basic Allowance remains unchanged at £16,267.
2. The Special Responsibility Allowances remain unchanged (as shown in Appendix 1)
3. The co-optee allowances remain unchanged (as shown in Appendix 1)
4. The independent carers' allowance (hourly rate) continues to be increased in line with the Living Wage, currently at £8.25 per hour; and that this allowance remains linked to the Living Wage in future years.
5. The

## **MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES**

### **1. Basic Allowance**

As in previous years, the Panel has worked within the requirements of the Local Government Act 2000 and the accompanying Guidance and Regulations on members' allowances in making its recommendations for 2016/17.

Whilst there has been a great deal of change over the last year, the Panel reaa2.81j 1.9a3 g

Given the combination of these factors, the Panel









**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 accommodations and/or associated meals

## **Appendix 2: Membership of the Independent Remuneration Panel**

### ***Chair of the Panel***

Sandra Cooper, Citizen Representative, Stirchley

### ***Council Appointees***

David Grainger

Stephen Shute

### ***Citizen Representatives***

Graham Macro, Sutton Coldfield

Subat Khan, Ward End

Michael Tye, Handsworth

### ***Co-opted Members***

Former Elected Member Malcolm Cornish

Honorary Alderman Peter Kane