

PUBLIC NOTICE
MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL
COUNCILLORS' ALLOWANCES - SCHEME OF ALLOWANCES
FOR THE REMUNERATION OF COUNCILLORS IN THE
BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES

This Notice is published in accordance with Regulation 16(1) of the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003.

The Council, on 19 January 2022, agreed to adopt a revised Scheme of Councillors' Allowances for the year 2022/23 and, in doing so, gave due regard to the recommendations made by the report of the Independent Panel on the Remuneration of Councillors 2021.

The scheme will apply from 1 April 2022, unless amended or revoked, until 31 March 2023.

Details of the Council's Scheme for Councillors' Allowances and the Independent Remuneration Panel report can be found on this web page, or may be inspected at the Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Central Milton Keynes, MK9 3EJ, during normal opening hours.

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31 March 2022

The Council's Scheme of Allowances 2022/23

The revised draft scheme is structured similarly to the existing scheme, with a number of differences:

- a) the introduction of a formula to calculate basic allowance;
- b) the introduction of a number of tiers to calculate SRA's and Civic Allowances based on multipliers of the basic allowance and that paid to the Leader;
- c) the introduction of a new SRA for the Chair of Corporate Parenting Panel;
- d) the abolishment of a pool or 'cap' on Cabinet member's SRAs;
- e) the alignment of the payment of Civic Allowances (currently biannual) with all other allowances (monthly);
- f) the introduction of travel allowances for electric vehicles and bicycles;
- g) payment of Dependent Carers Allowance at a rate of Real Living Wage and a removal of the 5-hour cap for specialist care; and
- h) annual indexation of allowances be in line with the percentage increase in staff salaries.

The main elements of the scheme are the payment of a Basic Allowance of £11,165 per annum to each of the 57 Members of the Council and the payment of Responsibility Allowances to certain Councillors who have been appointed to particular offices by the Council:

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Leader of the Council	33,495
Deputy Leader of the Council	16,748
Main Opposition Group Leader	15,073
Smaller Opposition Group Leader(s)	8,374
Cabinet Member	11,723
Chair, Scrutiny Management Committee	8,374
Chair, Scrutiny Committee	5,024
Chair of Task & Finish Groups (pro-rata for duration of work)	5,024
Chair, Development Control Committee	8,374
Chair, Licensing & Regulatory Committees (one person)	8,374
Chair, Audit Committee	5,024
Chair of Corporate Parenting Panel	5,024
Chair, Standards Committee	3,340

Travel and subsistence will be paid at the rates agreed by the National Joint Council for the reimbursement of Council officers.

Special Responsibility Allowances are not cumulative. If more than one position attracting a Special Responsibility Allowance is held, only the highest applicable allowance will be paid.

In addition, £640 per annum is paid to the co-opted members on the Audit and Children and Young People Scrutiny.

Allowance and Expenses Payments made in 2021/22

The Council is required to make available the amounts paid to each Councillor in respect of basic, Special Responsibility and Carer's Allowances for the previous year (2021/22).

A record of the allowances paid to Councillors during 2021/22 will be available for inspection at the Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Central Milton Keynes, MK9 3EJ and on the Council's website after 1 August 2022:

<https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/your-council-and-elections/councillors-and-committees/councillors-allowances>