

BOURNEMOUTH, CHRISTCHURCH AND POOLE COUNCIL

The Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003

SCHEME OF MEMBERS ALLOWANCES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in accordance with Regulation 16(1) (b) of the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003 of the Scheme of Members' Allowances for the year commencing 1 April 2025.

This Scheme was approved by Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council on 22 July 2025 in exercise of the powers conferred by the above Regulations. Any changes in allowances from the preceding year shall take effect from the date of the Annual Meeting for each year and the allowances set out in the schedule shall be increased in accordance with the Employees' National Pay Award when determined and backdated to the date of the Annual Meeting (6 May 2025). (The average pay award of 3.2% has been applied as shown below.)

The Members Allowances payable for the 2025/2026 period are as follows (*subject to the application of the pay award when known):

	1 Apr to 5 May 2025 £	6 May 2025 to 31 Mar 2026 £
Basic Allowance for each of the 76 Members	£15,109	£16,512
Special Responsibility Allowances:-		
Leader of the Council	£32,730	£41,280
Cabinet Members (including Deputy Leader)	£21,820	£25,800
Lead Members	£12,087	£12,591
Chair of the Council	£12,087	£12,591
Vice-Chair of the Council	£6,045	£3,716
Chair of Audit and Governance Committee	£12,087	£9,288
Chair of Area Planning Committees	£12,087	£9,288
Chair of Overview & Scrutiny Board	£9,065	£9,288
Chairs of Overview & Scrutiny Board and Committees	£9,065	£9,288
Chair of Licensing Committee	£12,087	£9,288
Vice-Chair of Licensing Committee	£3,023	-
Chair of Appeals Committee	£3,628	£9,288
Chair of Standards Committee	£3,628	£9,288
Group Leaders*	£3,628	£3,716
Co-optees Allowance and Independent Members Allowance	£1,211	£1,239

(*NOTE: minority parties must have a membership of no fewer than 5 for their Leader to receive an SRA)

No Member is entitled to more than one special responsibility allowance with the exception that a Group Leader's SRA can be payable as a second SRA.

The scheme also allows Councillors to claim reimbursement of travel, subsistence and carers' allowance expenses.

Under these Regulations, the Council in agreeing this Scheme has considered any applicable recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel.

A copy of the full scheme of Members' Allowances for 2025/26 is available for inspection at the BCP Civic Offices, Bourne Avenue, Bournemouth, BH2 6DY during normal office hours and in Part 7 of the Constitution at www.bcpCouncil.gov.uk