

PUBLIC NOTICE

REPORT OF THE PARISH AND TOWN COUNCIL REMUNERATION PANEL

Local Authorities (Members Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003

March 2025

Oakley & Deane Parish Council has received a report by the Basingstoke and Deane Parish and Town Council Remuneration Panel making recommendations regarding the levels of parish and town council remuneration in accordance with the Local Authorities (Members Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003.

The proposals of the Parish and Town Council Remuneration Panel are as follows:

Basic Allowance

The Local Authorities (Members Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003 Statutory Instrument 2003 No. 1021 state the basic allowance recommended by a Parish Independent Remuneration Panel can be for any amount up to 100 per cent of the basic allowance paid by Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council.

The Panel recommends that those parishes who feel that a basic allowance would be appropriate should be able to pay an amount up to 5% of the Basic Allowance for Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council.

The recommended Basic Allowance for Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council for 2026/27 is £8,815; 5% of this is **£441**.

This should only be paid to Members who are elected not those co-opted.

Chair's Allowance.

The Chair's allowance that can be recommended by the Parish Independent Remuneration Panel can be for any amount up to 100 percent of the Basic Allowance paid by Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council. The Panel is of the view that any decision regarding the payment of a Chair's Allowance and the level of that allowance should be left entirely to the discretion of individual parish councils, considering individual local circumstances, whilst adhering to the recommended maximum allowance.

The Panel therefore recommends the Chair's Allowance should be up to 10% of Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council's recommended Basic Allowance. The recommended Basic Allowance is £8,815; 10% of this is **£882**. The Chair's allowance can be in addition to the Basic Allowance, or not, if no Basic Allowance is paid.

Travel and Subsistence.

The Panel recommended that travel and subsistence for Parish and Town Councils should be at the same rates paid to Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council Members.

The Panel recommends that the Parish Councils should pay a mileage allowance of 45p per mile (for a car) which is in line with the HMRC recommendations. Subsistence rates should be paid in line with Basingstoke and Deane Borough Councillors.

Indexation of Allowances

The indexation of the allowances paid to Members of the parish and town councils should be in line with the indexation applied to Members Allowances at Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council, namely linked to staff salary increases of Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council employees.

The Parish/Town Council will consider the report at a future meeting and decide whether it wishes to use these recommendations, amend these recommendations to form a Member Allowances Scheme or alternatively, decide not to adopt a Member Allowances Scheme.

A copy the panel's report is available for inspection on request from the Clerk or Chairman of Oakley & Deane Parish Council (clerk@oakleydeane-pc.gov.uk) or from the Monitoring Officer at Basingstoke and Deane District Council (monitoring.officer@basingstoke.gov.uk)