

## THE BOROUGH OF LUTON

### NEW SCHEME OF MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Luton pursuant to Regulation 4(1) of the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003, as amended, ("the Regulations") has made a scheme of allowances payable to Members and Co-opted Members of the Council ("the Scheme of Members' Allowances ("the Scheme"))).

The Scheme took effect from 1 April 2017 and will run until 31 March 2018 but will remain in force after that date if by 1 April 2018 the Council fails to authorise the making of a new Scheme.

In making the Scheme the Council had regard to the recommendations from an independent remuneration panel in accordance with regulation 19(1) of the Regulations.

The Scheme as adopted does not reflect the panel's recommendations in relation to the amounts payable for either the basic allowance or the special responsibility allowances and retains those allowances at the same levels as in the previous scheme.

The main features of the Scheme are as follows (the amounts recommended by the independent remuneration panel in respect of each allowance are shown in brackets):

- (i) a basic allowance for all Members of the Council of £7,500 per annum,
- (ii) Special responsibility allowances for the following posts per annum in addition to the Basic Allowance:

Position	£
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Executive Leader</li> </ul>	Twice the Basic Allowance £15,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Executive Members with Portfolio Responsibilities, including the Deputy Leader</li> </ul>	Three quarters the Basic Allowance £5,625
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chairs of the following Committees: Development Control Committee Overview and Scrutiny Board Standards</li> </ul>	One third of the Basic Allowance £2,500
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chairs of the following Committees and Sub-Committees: Administration and Regulation Audit and Governance All Area Boards Scrutiny Health and Social Care Scrutiny Finance Review Scrutiny Children's Services Review</li> </ul>	One Sixth of the Basic Allowance £1,250
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leader of Major Opposition Group</li> </ul>	One third of the Basic Allowance £2,500

(iii) Co-optees' Allowance

• Statutory co-opted members	One Sixth of the Basic Allowance £1,250
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(iv) the payment of a Dependent Carer's/Childcare Allowance (DCA):-

Normal Rate – Actual and necessary expenses up to a maximum of £7 per hour and

\*Exceptional Rate – Actual and necessary expenses up to a maximum of £20 per hour

The DCA is available to those Members eligible for up to 20 hours per month and can include an additional 5 hours per month for non-approved duties.

\* - to be paid only be prior approval of the Head of Policy and Performance

(v) that no Member should be entitled to join the Local Government Pension Scheme and

(vi) the continuation of the current practice of re-imbursing travel (currently 52.2.p per mile) and subsistence expenses incurred by Members and Co-opted members in connection with their duties based on actual cost. The actual level of mileage allowance will be reviewed on an annual basis in line with the rate paid to Officers of the Council.