

MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES SCHEME 2026/27

Basic Allowance	2025/26 +4%	2026/27 +3.2%
All Members	7,070	7,296
*Special Responsibility Allowances:-		
Leader (basic x 325%)	22,979	23,714
Deputy Leader uplift (Portfolio Holder + Basic x 25%)	-	1,344
Leader of an Opposition Group **		
Other Executive Members with Portfolios (Basic x 175%) (x up to 8)	12,373	12,769
Executive Member without Portfolio (if appointed)	1,767	1,824
Chairs of Scrutiny Committees (basic x 100%) (x 2)	7,070	7,296
Deputy Chair of Scrutiny Committee(basic x 50%)(x 2)	3,535	3,648
Chair of Planning Committee (basic x 100%) (x 1)	7,070	7,296
Deputy Chair of Planning Committee (basic x 50%) (x1)	3,535	3,648
Chair of Licensing Committee (basic x 75%) (x 1)	5,302	5,472
Chair of Audit and Governance Committee (basic x 50%) (x 1)	3,535	3,648
Chair of Council Housing and Development Advisory Board (basic x 50%) (x1) from the HRA	3,535	3,648
Chair of Harbour Board (basic x 25%) (x 1)	1,767	1,824
Member Champions (basic x 25%) (x2)	1,767	1,824
Lord Mayor's Expenses Allowances	7,070	7,296
Deputy Lord Mayor Mayor's Allowances	1,767	1,824
Deputy Chair Audit and Governance (basic x 25%)	-	1,824

* Any Member qualifying for more than one Special Responsibility Allowance is paid the higher allowance only

** The Leader of an Opposition group will receive an allowance based on the size of the political group, ranging from 20 to 60% of the size of the Group.

- A Group of two to receive an allowance equivalent to 20% of the basic allowance.
- A Group of between three and five to receive an allowance equivalent to 50% of the basic allowance.
- A Group of six or more, to receive an allowance equivalent to 60% of the basic allowance