

**SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCIL
THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES (MEMBERS ALLOWANCES) (ENGLAND)
REGULATIONS 2003 (AS AMENDED)
SCHEME OF MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES 2016/17**

At its meeting on 17 February 2016, the County Council considered and agreed the recommendation of the Joint Independent Remuneration Panel on the Scheme of Members' Allowances to apply from 1st April 2016 until the 31st March 2017. The Panel's recommendation was the Council's existing Scheme of Members' Allowances for 2015/16 should continue unchanged for 2016/17.

The current scheme can be accessed on the Council's website via the link below.

<http://www.somerset.gov.uk/councillors-and-democracy/councillors/member-allowances/>

In summary the scheme makes provision for the payment of the following allowances:

- A Basic Allowance to all councillors in recognition of their normal duties as a councillor
- Special Responsibility Allowances for members undertaking roles with a specific responsibility such as the Leader of Council or a committee chairman. The Scheme includes an additional payment agreed by the Council during 2015 for the Chairman of the Somerset Health & Wellbeing Board. This decision was in accordance with a recommendation made by the Panel. This has been the only change made to the Scheme during the course of the 2015/16 financial year.
- Travel and subsistence allowances for any duty undertaken as a councillor that falls under the list of approved duties contained within the Scheme.
- Carers' Allowances – where appropriate.

The Scheme of Members' Allowances is also available for inspection during normal office hours at County Hall, Taunton, TA1 4DY – contact Andrea Hussey on 01823 359041 or by email ahussey@somerset.gov.uk

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