

Members’ Allowances

IPRW – Independent Review Panel for Wales

DPCC Must:-

1. Make available £156 p/a per member (equivalent to £3 a week) towards extra household expenses (inc, heating, lighting, power and broadband) of working from home.
2. Must either pay their members £52 a year for the cost of office consumables required to carry out their role, or alternatively must enable members to claim full reimbursement for the cost of their office consumables.
3. Make available additional costs of care to allow Members to fulfil their duties, up to a maximum of £403 p/m.

DPCC May:-

4. Pay travel and subsistence allowance for members
5. Make payments to members with additional responsibilities (eg Committee Chairs) of £500 p/a. For up to 3 members.
6. Introduce an attendance allowance for members of up to £30.
7. Make a payment of £1,500 p/a to the Civic Head (Chair of Council) and £500 p/a to the Vice / Deputy (does not include Chairman’s allowance)

COUNCIL MUST ADOPT THE MANDATED ACTIONS (1, 2 and 3 above)

and

MUST FORMALLY DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT TO MAKE THESE PAYMENTS (4 – 7 above).

Whilst any individual member may elect to forgo part or all of the entitlement to any of these payments by giving notice in writing to The Clerk, DPCC in its last Term unanimously agreed that all members would receive the mandated allowance (now £208) in order that none were out-of-pocket due to the requirements placed upon them whilst undertaking duties / activities of their office as Councillors.

This action taken by DPCC was considered by the IPRW as good practice.

A copy of the IPRW report can be accessed from the Welsh Government website.

<https://www.gov.wales/independent-remuneration-panel-wales-annual-report-2023-2024-html>