

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATION & DEMOCRATIC SERVICES MANAGER

SUBJECT: MEMBER REMUNERATION 2017/18

Purpose of Report

1. To inform Members of the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales' decisions in relation to the Basic and Senior Salaries payable to National Park Authority Members for the financial year 2017/18, and
2. To canvass Members' opinion on the payment of such Senior Salaries.

Introduction/Background

The Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales (the Panel) was appointed in January 2008 by the (then) Welsh Assembly Government Minister for Social Justice and Local Government under the provisions of *The Local Authorities (Allowances for Members) (Wales) Regulations 2007*. The Panel was established on a permanent basis to determine the maximum levels of allowances payable by county and county borough councils.

Following the passing of the Local Government (Wales) Measure on the 10th May 2011, the Panel's remit and powers were extended to include National Park Authorities, Fire and Rescue Authorities and 'civic heads' in local authorities. Not only that, the Measure extended the Panel's powers to enable it to prescribe payments rather than determine the maxima as it had done in the past.

The Panel published a draft Annual Report last autumn, which was considered by the Authority at its meeting held on the 30th November 2016, when it was resolved to submit a response to the effect that:

- (a) no additional Senior Salaries should be sought at this time, and
- (b) the Panel should reconsider the proposed date for implementation of its determinations and should revert to the date of the Authority's Annual General Meeting, as had been the case in previous years.

The final Annual Report was published on the 24th February 2017.

Panel determinations

The relevant extracts from the Panel's report relating to National Park Authorities are attached to this report at Appendix 1 but, in summary, the main changes to Members' remuneration for the financial year 2017/18 are:

- (i) that the Basic Salary for “ordinary Members”¹ be increased from £3,600 to £3,625 per annum;
- (ii) that the Senior Salary payable to the Chair of the Authority be increased from £12,300 to £12,325 per annum;
- (iii) there has been no increase in the Senior Salary payable to the Deputy Chair of the Authority and (up to two) Chairs of other Committees, but these postholders will receive the uplift in the Basic Salary paid to “ordinary Members”, therefore:
 - (a) the Level 1 Senior Salary will increase to £7,325 per annum (from £7,300), and
 - (b) the Level 2 Senior Salary will increase to £6,025 per annum (from £6,000).

Such Senior Salaries are to be paid “where there is significant and sustained responsibility”² associated with the post;

- (iv) the Panel has determined to include a provision for National Park Authorities to apply for specific or additional Senior Salaries that do not fall within the current remuneration framework;
- (v) specific arrangements have been introduced to cater for long-term sickness (more than 4 but no more than 26 weeks) of Senior Salary holders.

No changes have been made to the fees payable to Independent Members of the Standards Committee, nor to the level of travel and subsistence rates. Neither has there been a change to the level of reimbursement of costs of care to Members (previously referred to as the care allowance), although the way in which these particular costs are to be published has been changed. Authorities are now presented with two options as to how they publish these costs, either:

- (a) by detailing the amount reimbursed per named Member, or
- (b) by publishing the total amount reimbursed during the year, but not attributed to any named Member.

It is a matter for the Authority to decide which of these options for publication it considers appropriate.

The Annual Report also reiterates the following facts:

- (i) that a Senior Salary is paid **inclusive** of the Basic Salary;

¹ As referred to in the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Annual Report 2017/18

² As referred to in the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Annual Report 2017/18

- (ii) that a Senior Salary can be paid to the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Authority, and **up to** two other Committee Chairs;
- (iii) that Members must not receive more than one Senior Salary;
- (iv) that a local authority Member who is in receipt of a Band 1 or Band 2 Senior Salary (i.e. as a County Council Leader, Deputy Leader or other executive office holder) **cannot** be remunerated for his/her role as an ordinary or senior Member of a National Park Authority, and
- (v) that the Authority must determine the maximum number of days in any one year for which Independent Members of the Standards Committee may be paid.

The new salary framework will come into effect on the 1st April 2017.

Options for remuneration

The Authority is entitled to pay a Senior Salary for **up to** four posts (Chair and Deputy Chair of the Authority, together with two Committee Chairs). Three are currently remunerated; the posts of Chair and Deputy Chair of the Authority, together with the Chair of the Development Management Committee. The Senior Salary at present being paid to the Deputy Chair and Chair of Committee is the same (Level 2), although the Panel has concluded that the Authority "...can decide at which of two levels..." these posts can be remunerated, "...commensurate with the duties to be discharged in a particular role".

Members are, therefore, requested to determine:

- (a) which posts will be eligible to receive a Senior Salary for 2017/18;
- (b) what level of remuneration should be payable to the posts of Deputy Chair of the Authority and Committee Chair(s), i.e. whether the Senior Salary should be at Level 1 or Level 2 (the same level of remuneration need not apply to all posts in this category), and
- (c) how the Authority will publish details of any reimbursement of costs of care.

Financial considerations

Member Salaries have been provided for in the budget at current levels. Were the Level 1 Senior Salaries or, indeed, an additional Senior Salary, to be agreed, this would obviously result in an increase in costs.

Compliance

The Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales has prescribed the levels of Basic and Senior Salaries referred to in the report. However, this does not preclude Members from opting out of receiving a Salary and/or Salary increase (where applicable) at any time during their term of office.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1. To note the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Annual Report for 2017/18;**
- 2. To determine which post(s) should be remunerated with a Senior Salary;**
- 3. To determine which level of Senior Salary should be payable to appropriate posts;**
- 4. To determine the maximum number of days for which Independent Standards Committee Members may be paid in any one year (currently 4 days per annum), and**
- 5. To determine how details of any reimbursement of costs of care to Members are published.**

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Background Documents

Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Annual Report: February 2017
Report to National Park Authority: 30th November 2016

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Implementation of Determinations

Elections for principal councils and community and town councils will take place on 4 May 2017. Section 26(3) of The Local Government Act 1972 determines that on the 4th day following the election persons who were councillors before the election will retire and newly elected members will assume office. Therefore the effective dates for the implementation of the determinations contained in this Report are:

- For principal councils:
 - Basic and senior salary holders - 8 May 2017, (subject to the member having signed the declaration of acceptance).
 - Chairs/Mayor – civic salary is payable where the chair/mayor remains in post until a successor is appointed at the authority's Annual General Meeting following the election²
- For National Park Authorities –With effect from 1 April 2017.
- For Fire and Rescue Authorities – With effect from the Annual Meeting of the Authority.
- For community and town councils - 8 May 2017 (subject to the member having signed the declaration of acceptance).

² Local Government Act 1972 Part 2 Section 22(2)

7. Payments to Members of National Park Authorities

Structure of National Park Authorities

- 7.1 The 3 National Parks in Wales - Brecon Beacons, Pembrokeshire Coast and Snowdonia were formed to protect spectacular landscapes and provide recreation opportunities for the public. The Environment Act 1995 led to the creation of the 3 corresponding National Park Authorities (NPAs). In managing the National Park, the Authority has 3 main purposes:
- to protect the natural beauty of the Park;
 - to help visitors enjoy and understand it; and
 - to foster the wellbeing of local people.
- 7.2 National Park Authorities have a committee of Members who are either elected members nominated by the Principal Councils within the National Park area or are members appointed by the Welsh Government through the Public Appointments Process. Welsh Government appointed and council nominated members are treated equally in relation to remuneration.
- 7.3 The structure of the Members' Committee at each of the 3 national parks is set out in Table 4.

Table 4: Membership of Welsh National Park Authorities

National Park Authority	Total Membership	Principal Council Members	Welsh Government appointed Members
Brecon Beacons	24	16: Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council – 1 Carmarthenshire County Council – 2 Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council – 1 Monmouthshire County Council – 2 Powys County Council – 8 Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council - 1 Torfaen County Borough Council - 1	8
Pembrokeshire Coast	18	12: Pembrokeshire County Council - 12	6
Snowdonia	18	12: Conwy County Borough Council – 3 Gwynedd County Borough Council – 9	6

- 7.4 In addition, Standards Committees of NPAs have Independent Co-opted members whose remuneration is included in the framework as set out in Section 9.

- 7.5 In considering remuneration of members of NPAs, the Panel has based its determinations on the following key points:
- NPAs manage their work via formal authority meetings, committees and task and finish groups. Each has a Development/Management/Planning Committee, and other committees include Performance and Resources and Audit and Scrutiny. Ordinary NPA members are members of at least one committee as well as being involved in site visits and inspection panels.
 - There is an expectation that members will participate in training and development.
 - The chair of an NPA has a leadership and influencing role in the authority, a representational role similar in some respects to that of a civic head and a high level of accountability. The chair is not only the leader of the authority but is also the public face of the particular national park and is the link with the Minister and AMs with whom they have regular meetings. The role requires a high level of commitment and time.

Basic and senior salaries

- 7.6 The Panel has previously determined that the role of ordinary members of an NPA should be aligned to the basic salary of a member of a principal council, and that the time commitment required is a notional 42 days per year. This remains the basis of the Panel's determinations.
- 7.7 Although public sector funding continues to be constrained the Panel considers that a modest increase in the basic salary is justified and has determined there shall be an increase of £100 (which equates to 0.75%) from 1 April 2017 in the level of basic salary for members of principal councils. This will help to limit further erosion of relative levels of remuneration in the basic salary paid in recognition of the duties expected of members.
- 7.8 Therefore, there is a corresponding increase of £25 on the basic salary for members of NPAs from 1 April 2017.
- 7.9 The Panel has also previously determined that the remuneration of an NPA chair should be aligned to that part of a Band 3 Level 1 senior salary received by a committee chair of a principal council.
- 7.10 In 2014, the Panel provided local flexibility so that an NPA can decide at which of two levels the roles of deputy chair and up to 2 other committee chairs can be remunerated. An NPA may choose to pay its deputy chair and/or committee chairs a salary of either £7,325 or £6,025, commensurate with the significant and sustained duties to be discharged in a particular role.
- 7.11 During 2016, the Panel met with members and officers of the 3 NPAs. Feedback was received during the Panel's visits about the importance of

members' attendance at meetings and the impact non-attendance can have. The Panel is minded to consider this further during 2016/17.

Additional Senior Salaries

- 7.12 Feedback was also received during the Panel's visits to NPAs that its determination that up to two NPA Committee Chairs could receive a senior salary could be restrictive in the NPAs discharging their governance requirements.
- 7.13 The Panel allows principal councils greater flexibility to apply for specific or additional senior salaries that do not fall within the current Remuneration Framework. The Panel is extending this provision to NPAs as reflected in the following principles:
- a. Applications will have to be approved by the authority as a whole (this cannot be delegated) prior to submission to the Panel.
 - b. There must be clear evidence that the post/posts have additional responsibility demonstrated by a description of the role, function and duration.
 - c. Each application will have to indicate the timing for a formal review of the role to be considered by the authority as a whole.

7.14 The Panel has made the following determinations:

Determination 24: The basic salary for NPA ordinary members should be £3,625

Determination 25: The senior salary of the chair of an NPA should be £12,325

Determination 26: An NPA senior salary can be paid to a Deputy Chair and up to two committee chairs where there is significant and sustained responsibility. This can be paid at either of the following levels to be decided by the authority to reflect the appropriate responsibility: £6,025 or £7,325

Determination 27: The Panel has determined to include a provision for NPAs to apply for specific or additional senior salaries that do not fall within the current Remuneration Framework.

Determination 28: Members must not receive more than one NPA senior salary.

Determination 29: An NPA senior salary is paid inclusive of the NPA basic salary and must reflect significant and sustained responsibility

Determination 30: Members of a principal council in receipt of a Band 1 or Band 2 senior salary cannot receive a salary from any NPA to which they have been appointed.

The Panel's determinations on Travel and Subsistence, Reimbursements of Costs of Care and Family Absence are now set out in separate sections of this Annual Report.

9. Payments to co-opted Members of Principal Councils, National Park Authorities and Fire & Rescue Authorities⁸

- 9.1 The Panel has determined that a daily/half daily fee is appropriate remuneration for the important role undertaken by co-opted members of authorities with voting rights (this includes the co-opted member from a Town or Community council). The level of payments is equivalent to the current daily rates for chairs and members of the Welsh Government's Band 2 sponsored bodies. The Panel notes there has been no uplift in these payment levels across such bodies since 2010.
- 9.2 Principal councils, NPAs and FRAs can decide on the maximum number of days in any one year for which co-opted members may be paid.
- 9.3 The determinations are set out below:

Determination 38: Principal councils, NPAs and FRAs must pay the following fees to co-opted members (Table 6) (who have voting rights).

Table 6: Fees for co-opted members (with voting rights)

Chairs of standards, and audit committees	£256 (4 hours and over) £128 (up to 4 hours)
Ordinary members of standards committees who also chair standards committees for community and town councils	£226 daily fee (4 hours and over) £113 (up to 4 hours)
Ordinary members of standards committees; education scrutiny committee; crime and disorder scrutiny committee and audit committee	£198 (4 hours and over) £99 (up to 4 hours)
Community and town councillors sitting on principal council committees	£198 (4 hours and over) £99 (up to 4 hours)

Determination 39: Reasonable time for pre meeting preparation is eligible to be included in claims made by co-opted members the extent of which can be determined by the appropriate officer in advance of the meeting.

Determination 40: Travelling time to and from the place of the meeting can be included in the claims for payments made by co-opted members (up to the maximum of the daily rate).

Determination 41: The appropriate officer within the authority can determine

⁸ This section does not apply to co-opted members of community and town councils.

in advance whether a meeting is programmed for a full day and the fee will be paid on the basis of this determination even if the meeting finishes before four hours has elapsed.

Determination 42: Meetings eligible for the payment of fees include other committees and working groups (including task and finish groups), pre-meetings with officers, training and attendance at conferences or any other formal meeting to which co-opted members are requested to attend.

The Panel's determinations on Travel and Subsistence, Reimbursement of costs of care and Family Absence are now set out in separate sections of this Annual Report.

10. Reimbursement of Costs of Care

- 10.1. This section applies to members of principal councils, National Park Authorities, Fire and Rescue Authorities and to co-opted members of these authorities. (Similar provision for Community and Town Councils is given in section 13 as there is a different approach to such members, principally that provision is permissive.)

Determination 43: All authorities must provide for the reimbursement of necessary costs for the care of dependent children and adults (provided by informal or formal carers) and for personal assistance needs up to a maximum of £403 per month. Reimbursement shall only be made on production of receipts from the carer.

- 10.2. The reimbursement of the costs of care is intended to enable any person whose ability to participate as a member of an authority would be limited by their responsibilities as a carer, or for a member to receive care support to enable that individual to carry out their role. The Panel recognises that there is some sensitivity concerning the publication of this legitimate expense and has reflected this in the options for publication as set out in Annex 4. However, the Panel urges authorities to promote this reimbursement and encourage greater take-up of this support to facilitate participation amongst existing authority members and encourage diversity among future elected members.
- 10.3. Such provision would be especially relevant to those individuals in sectors of the population that are currently under-represented in local government but who may become engaged when awareness of the support available for the costs of care becomes more widely known.

11. Sickness Absence for Senior Salary Holders

- 11.1. The Family Absence Regulations (approved by the National Assembly in 2014) are very specific relating to entitlement and only available for elected members of principal councils. Absence for reasons of ill-health is not included.
- 11.2. Instances have been raised with the Panel of senior salary holders on long term sickness and the perceived unfairness in comparison with the arrangements for family absence. In consequence, councils are faced with the dilemma of:
- Operating without the individual member but still paying him/her the senior salary.
 - Replacing the member who therefore loses the senior salary (but retains the basic salary).
- 11.3. The Panel has considered this and is amending the Framework to provide specific arrangements for long term sickness as set out below:
- a) Long term sickness is defined as certified absences in excess of 4 weeks.
 - b) The maximum length of sickness absence within these proposals is 26 weeks or until the individual's term of office ends, whichever is sooner (but if reappointed any remaining balance of the 26 weeks will be included).
 - c) Within these parameters a senior salary holder on long term sickness can, if the authority decides continue to receive remuneration for the post held.
 - d) It is a decision of the authority whether to make a substitute appointment but the substitute will be eligible to be paid the senior salary appropriate to the post.
 - e) If the paid substitution results in the authority exceeding the maximum number of senior salaries payable for that authority as set out in the Annual Report, an addition will be allowed for the duration of the substitution. (However this would not apply to Merthyr Tydfil or the Isle of Anglesey councils if it would result in more than 50% of the membership receiving a senior salary. It would also not apply in respect of a council executive member if it would result in the cabinet exceeding 10 posts - the statutory maximum).
 - f) When an authority agrees a paid substitution the Panel must be informed within 14 days of the decision of the details including the specific post and the estimated length of the substitution. The authority's Schedule of Remuneration must be amended accordingly.
 - g) It does not apply to elected members of principal councils who are not senior post holders as they continue to receive basic salary for at least

six months irrespective of attendance and any extension beyond this timescale is a matter for the authority.

- 11.4. This arrangement applies to members of principal councils, National Park Authorities and Fire and Rescue Authorities who are senior salary holders, including Welsh Government appointed members, but does not apply to co-opted members.

Note:

The Family Absence Regulations apply to elected members in cases of maternity, newborn, adoption and parental absences from official business.

12. Reimbursement of Travel and Subsistence Costs when on Official Business

- 12.1. This section applies to members of principal authorities, National Park Authorities, Fire and Rescue Authorities and to co-opted members of these authorities. (Similar provision for Community and Town Councils is contained in section 13 as there is a different approach to such members, principally that the provision is permissive.)
- 12.2. Members may claim reimbursement for travel and subsistence (meals and accommodation) costs where these have arisen as a result of undertaking official duties. Expenses reimbursed to members by their local authority are exempt from Income Tax and employee NICs.
- 12.3. The Panel is aware that in some instances members with disabilities have been reluctant to claim legitimate travel expenses because of an adverse response following the publication of their travel costs. As an alternative, travel arrangements could be made directly by the authority in such circumstances.
- 12.4. The Panel has determined that there will be no change to mileage rates which members are entitled to claim. All authorities may only reimburse travel costs for their members undertaking official business within and/or outside the authority's boundaries at the current HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) rates which are:

Reimbursement of mileage costs

45p per mile	Up to 10,000 miles in a year by car
25p per mile	Over 10,000 miles in a year by car
5p per mile	Per passenger carried on authority business
24p per mile	Motor cycles
20p per mile	Bicycles

- 12.5. Where a member who is on official business is driven by a third party (not a member or officer of that authority), the member can claim mileage at the prescribed rates plus any parking or toll fees provided the authority is satisfied that the member has incurred these costs.

Reimbursement of other travel costs

- 12.6. All other claims for travel must only be reimbursed on production of receipts showing the actual cost and will be subject to any requirement or further limitation that an authority may determine. Members should always be mindful of choosing the most cost effective method of travel.

Reimbursement of subsistence costs

£28 per day	Day allowance for meals, including breakfast, where not provided in the overnight charge
£200 per night	London
£95 per night	Elsewhere
£30 per night	Staying with friends and/or family

- 12.7. These rates are in line with Welsh Government rates. Recommended practice is that overnight accommodation should usually be reserved and paid for on behalf of members by the relevant authority, in which case an authority may set its own reasonable limits and the limits which apply when an individual member claims in arrears for overnight accommodation costs do not then apply.
- 12.8. All authorities must continue to reimburse subsistence expenses for their members up to the maximum rates set out above on the basis of receipted claims except for occasions when members stay with friends and/or family.
- 12.9. There may be instances where an authority has determined that travel costs within its boundaries are payable and require a journey to be repeated on consecutive days. Where it is reasonable and cost effective to reimburse overnight accommodation costs, instead of repeated daily mileage costs, then it is permissible to do so.
- 12.10. It is not necessary to allocate the maximum daily rate (£28 per day) between different meals as the maximum daily rate reimbursable covers a 24 hour period and can be claimed for any meal if relevant, provided such a claim is accompanied by receipts.

Annex 1: The Panel's Determinations for 2017/18

Principal Councils	
1.	Basic salary in 2017/18 for elected members of principal councils shall be £13,400.
2.	The Panel has determined that senior salary levels in 2017/18 for members of principal councils shall be as set out in table 2 (page 15).
3.	The Panel has determined that (where paid) civic salaries at the following levels are payable (Table 3, page 17) and will be applied by principal councils as each considers appropriate, taking account of the anticipated workloads and responsibilities.
4.	The Panel has determined that, where appointed and if remunerated, a presiding member must be paid a Band 3 Level 1 senior salary. This post will count towards the cap.
5.	The Panel has determined that the post of deputy presiding member will not be remunerated.
6.	The Panel has determined that each authority, through its Democratic Services Committee, must ensure that all its members are given as much support as is necessary to enable them to fulfil their duties effectively. All elected members should be provided with adequate telephone and email facilities and electronic access to appropriate information.
7.	The Panel has determined that such support should be without cost to the individual member. Deductions must not be made from members' salaries by the respective authority as a contribution towards the cost of support which the authority has decided necessary for the effectiveness and/or efficiency of members.
Specific or Additional Senior Salaries	
8.	The Panel has determined to include a provision for specific or additional senior salaries that do not fall within the current Remuneration Framework.
Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committees	
9.	The chair of a Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee is eligible for a salary equivalent to that part of a Band 3 Level 2 senior salary that remunerates a committee chair of a principal authority (£6,700).
10.	In cases where the chair is already in receipt of a senior salary for a Band 3, 4 or 5 role the payment will be £3,350.

11.	The chair of a sub committee of a JOSOC is eligible for a salary of £1,675.
12.	In cases where the chair of the sub committee is already in receipt of a senior salary for a Band 3, 4 or 5 role the payment will be £837.
13.	Payments to chairs of task and finish sub committees are to be pro-rated to the duration of the task.
14.	Payments made to a chair of a JOSOC, or a chair of a sub committee of a JOSOC, are additional to the maximum proportion of the authority's membership eligible for a senior salary. It should be noted that the statutory limit of no more than 50% of a council's membership receiving a senior salary applies (Section 142 (5) of the Measure).
15.	A deputy chair of a JOSOC or sub committee is not eligible for payment.
16.	Co-optees to a JOSOC or to a sub committee are not eligible for a co-opted member fee unless they are appointed by an authority under Section 144(5) of the Measure.
Local Government Pension Scheme	
17.	The entitlement to join the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) shall apply to all eligible elected members of principal councils.
Family Absence	
18.	An elected member is entitled to retain a basic salary when taking family absence under the regulations irrespective of the attendance record immediately preceding the commencement of the family absence.
19.	When a senior salary holder is eligible for family absence, he/she will continue to receive the salary for the duration of the absence.
20.	It is a matter for the authority to decide whether or not to make a substitute appointment. The elected member substituting for a senior salary holder taking family absence will be eligible to be paid a senior salary, if the authority so decides.
21.	If the paid substitution results in the authority exceeding the maximum number of senior salaries which relates to it, as set out in the Panel's Annual Report, an addition to the maximum will be allowed for the duration of the substitution. However, this will not apply to the Isle of Anglesey or Merthyr Tydfil Councils if it would result in the number of senior salaries exceeding fifty percent of the Council membership. Specific approval of Welsh Ministers is required in such circumstances.
22.	When a Council agrees a paid substitution for family absence, the Panel must be informed, within 14 days of the date of the decision, of the details including the particular post and the duration of the substitution.
23.	The Council's schedule of remuneration must be amended to reflect the implication of the family absence.

National Park Authorities	
24.	The basic salary for NPA ordinary members should be £3,625
25.	The senior salary of the chair of an NPA should be £12,325
26.	An NPA senior salary can be paid to a Deputy Chair, and up to two committee chairs where there is significant and sustained responsibility. This can be paid at either of the following levels to be decided by the authority to reflect the appropriate responsibility: £6,025 or £7,325
27.	The Panel has determined to include a provision for NPAs to apply for specific or additional senior salaries that do not fall within the current Remuneration Framework.
28.	Members must not receive more than one NPA senior salary.
29.	An NPA senior salary is paid inclusive of the NPA basic salary and must reflect significant and sustained responsibility
30.	Members of a principal council in receipt of a Band 1 or Band 2 senior salary cannot receive a salary from any NPA to which they have been appointed.
Fire and Rescue Authorities	
31.	The basic salary for FRA ordinary members should be £1,715
32.	The senior salary of the chair of an FRA should be £10,415.
33.	An FRA senior salary can be paid to the deputy chair and up to two chairs of committees where there is significant and sustained responsibility. This should be paid at £5,415.
34.	The Panel has determined to include a provision for FRAs to apply for specific or additional senior salaries that do not fall within the current Remuneration Framework.
35.	Members must not receive more than one FRA senior salary.
36.	An FRA senior salary is paid inclusive of the FRA basic salary and must reflect significant and sustained responsibility.
37.	Members of a principal council in receipt of a Band 1 or Band 2 senior salary cannot receive a salary from any FRA to which they have been nominated.
Co-Opted Members	
38.	Principal councils, NPAs and FRAs must pay the following fees to co-opted members (Table 6, page 33) (who have voting rights).
39.	Reasonable time for pre meeting preparation is eligible to be included in claims made by co-opted members the extent of which can be determined by the

	appropriate officer in advance of the meeting.
40.	Travelling time to and from the place of the meeting can be included in the claims for payments made by co-opted members (up to the maximum of the daily rate).
41.	The appropriate officer within the authority can determine in advance whether a meeting is programmed for a full day and the fee will be paid on the basis of this determination even if the meeting finishes before four hours has elapsed.
42.	Meetings eligible for the payment of fees include other committees and working groups (including task and finish groups), pre-meetings with officers, training and attendance at conferences or any other formal meeting to which co-opted members are requested to attend.
Reimbursement of Costs of Care	
43.	All authorities must provide for the reimbursement of necessary costs for the care of dependent children and adults (provided by informal or formal carers) and for personal assistance needs up to a maximum of £403 per month. Reimbursement shall only be made on production of receipts from the carer.
Community and Town Councils	
44.	Community and town councils are authorised to make a payment to each of their members of a maximum amount of £150 per year for costs incurred in respect of telephone usage, information technology, consumables etc.
45.	Community and town councils are authorised to make an annual payment not exceeding £500 each to up to 3 members in recognition of specific responsibilities. This is in addition to the £150 payment for costs and expenses if that is made.
46.	Community and town councils are authorised to provide a civic allowance to the mayor/chair of the council at an amount that they deem appropriate to undertake the functions of that office. This is in addition to the £150 payment for costs and expenses if that is made.
47.	Community and town councils are authorised to provide a civic allowance to the deputy mayor/deputy chair of the council at an amount that they deem appropriate to undertake the functions of that office. This is in addition to the £150 payment for costs and expenses if that is made.
48.	Community and town councils are authorised to make payments to each of their members in respect of travel costs for attending approved duties. Such payments must be the actual costs of travel by public transport or the HMRC mileage allowances as below:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 45p per mile up to 10,000 miles in the year. - 25p per mile over 10,000 miles. - 5p per mile per passenger carried on authority business. - 24p per mile for private motor cycles. - 20p per mile for bicycles.
49.	<p>If a community or town council resolves that a particular duty requires an overnight stay, it may authorise reimbursement of subsistence expenses to its members at the maximum rates set out below on the basis of receipted claims:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - £28 per 24-hour period allowance for meals, including breakfast where not provided. - £200 – London overnight - £95 – elsewhere overnight. - £30 – staying with friends and/or family overnight.
50.	<p>Community and town councils are authorised to pay financial loss compensation to each of their members, where such loss has actually occurred, for attending approved duties as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Up to £33.00 for each period not exceeding 4 hours: - Up to £66.00 for each period exceeding 4 hours but not exceeding 24 hours.
51.	<p>Community and town councils are authorised to provide for the reimbursement of necessary costs for the care of dependent children and adults (provided by informal or formal carers) and for personal assistance needs up to a maximum of £403 per month. Reimbursement shall only be made on production of receipts from the carer.</p>