

County Council

Date of Meeting	21 July 2016
Author	Independent Remuneration Panel
Subject of Report	Dorset County Council, Members' Allowances Scheme 2016/2017 Special Responsibility Allowances
Executive Summary	<p>The payment of allowances to elected members of local authorities is governed by the Local Government (Members' Allowances England) Regulations 2003 ("the Regulations").</p> <p>The County Council at their meeting on 12 November 2015 approved the making of a scheme following consideration of recommendations made by the local Independent Remuneration Panel, which came into effect from 1 April 2016. This scheme was for the financial year 2016/17.</p> <p>Subsequently, the County Council approved revised overview and scrutiny committee arrangements and the Independent Remuneration Panel were asked to consider the potential impact of these changes to the Special Responsibility Allowances (SRAs) for 2016/2017.</p> <p>The Independent Remuneration Panel met on 27 May 2016 and heard evidence from the Head of Legal and Democratic Services and the Group Manager - Governance and Assurance, in addition to viewing the reports that were presented to the County Council on 15 February and 21 May 2016.</p> <p>The Panel recognised the extra responsibilities the Chairmen of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees and the Dorset Health Scrutiny Committee were to undertake, including with regards to their contributions to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board.</p> <p>They also acknowledged that the functions of the Audit and Governance Committee differed due to their role to 'call to account' decisions of the executive.</p> <p>It is intended that the Panel will review their recommendations in November 2016, when the new overview and scrutiny arrangements will have completed two committee cycles.</p>

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Recommendation	That the County Council consider and approve the amended Special Responsibility Allowances within the Members' Allowances Scheme, with effect from 21 April 2016. This is detailed in Appendix 1.
Appendices	Proposed Special Responsibility Allowances
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**Dorset County Council
Members' Allowances Scheme 2016/2017**

**Special Responsibility Allowances (SRA's) 2016/17
(payable in addition to the Basic Allowance)
(with effect from 21 April 2016)**

(NOTE: No member may receive more than one SRA)

(BA = Basic Allowance) (£10,641)

	Factor	£
Leader of the Council	3 x BA	31,923
Deputy Leader of the Council	1.5 x BA	15,961
Cabinet Members		
Chairman of the County Council	1 x BA	10,641
+ Chairman of Audit and Governance Committee		
Chairman of all Overview & Scrutiny Committees (x 3)	0.75 x BA	7,980
Chairman of Dorset Health Scrutiny Committee		
Chairman of Dorset Police and Crime Panel		
Chairman of Regulatory Committee	0.5 x BA	5,321
† Leader of minority group(s)		
Vice-Chairman of the County Council		
Chairman of Children's and Adult Services Appeals Committee	0.3 x BA	3,192

† Minority Parties must have a minimum of 10% of County Council seats for their Leader to receive an SRA.

+ SRA only payable if the Chairman is not the Chairman of the Council