

Merton Council

Council

13 September 2023

Supplementary Agenda

10 Members Allowances Scheme

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Updated – Appendix

Proposed schedule of rates - previous appendix showed formula for "Leader of next largest minority group" as 0.66, formula should show as 0.5 (costs remain unchanged). All other figures within the document remain unchanged.

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Current Merton Basic Cllr Allowance	£8,694
Working Group Recommended Cllr Allowance	£12,014

Existing Special Responsibility Allowances	Formula	Existing SRA	Existing SRA Plus Current Basic	Proposed SRA	Proposed SRA Plus Proposed Basic with existing multipliers	Proposed Increase to Role SRA per Annum
Leader	4	£34,776	£43,470	£48,056	£60,070	£13,280
Deputy Leader	2	£17,388	£26,082	£24,028	£36,042	£6,640
Leader of the Opposition (7+ members)	2	£17,388	£26,082	£24,028	£36,042	£6,640
Leader Minority Group	0.66	£5,737	£14,431	£7,929	£19,943	£2,192
Cabinet Member (with increased multiplier from 1 to 2)	2	£8,694	£17,388	£24,028	£36,042	£15,334
Chair, Scrutiny Commission	1	£8,694	£17,388	£12,014	£24,028	£3,320
Chair, Planning Committee	1	£8,694	£17,388	£12,014	£24,028	£3,320
Chair Licensing Committee*	1	£8,694	£17,388	£12,014	£24,028	£3,320
Chair, General Purposes Committee	0.33	£2,868	£11,562	£3,965	£15,979	£1,097
Scrutiny Panel Chairs	0.33	£2,868	£11,562	£3,965	£15,979	£1,097
Mayor	1	N/A	N/A	£12,014	£24,028	£12,014
Administration Whip	0.5	N/A	N/A	£6,007	£18,021	£6,007
Deputy Leader of the Opposition	0.5	N/A	N/A	£6,007	£18,021	£6,007
Opposition Whip	0.33	N/A	N/A	£3,965	£15,979	£3,965
Minority Group Whip	0.25	N/A	N/A	£3,004	£15,018	£3,004

Existing/Proposed Total Costs of Special Responsibility Allowances	Number of Cllrs Receiving SRA	Current SRA	Current Total Cost of SRAs	Proposed Formula	Proposed Number of Cllrs to Receive SRA	Proposed SRA	Proposed Total Cost of SRAs	Proposed Total Payment per annum (SRA + Basic)
Leader	1	£34,776	£34,776	4	1	£48,056	£48,056	£60,070
Deputy Leader	1	£17,388	£17,388	2	1	£24,028	£24,028	£36,042
Leader of the Opposition	2	£17,388	£34,776	2	1	£24,028	£24,028	£36,042
Leader of largest Minority Group	1	£5,737	£5,737	1	1	£12,014	£12,014	£24,028
Leader of next largest Minority Group	0	N/A	N/A	0.5	*0	£6,007	£0	NA
Cabinet Member (move to multiple of 2)	8	£8,694	£69,552	2	8	£24,028	£192,224	£36,042
Chair, Scrutiny Commission	1	£8,694	£8,694	1	1	£12,014	£12,014	£24,028
Chair, Planning Committee	1	£8,694	£8,694	1	1	£12,014	£12,014	£24,028
Chair Licensing Committee	1	£8,694	£8,694	1	1	£12,014	£12,014	£24,028
Chair, General Purposes Committee	1	£2,868	£2,868	0.33	1	£3,965	£3,965	£15,979
Scrutiny Panel Chairs	3	£2,868	£8,604	0.33	3	£3,965	£11,894	£15,979
Mayor	0	N/A	N/A	1	1	£12,014	£12,014	£24,028
Administration Whip	0	N/A	N/A	0.5	1	£6,007	£6,007	£18,021
Deputy Leader of the Opposition	0	N/A	N/A	0.5	1	£6,007	£6,007	£18,021
Opposition Whip	0	N/A	N/A	0.33	1	£3,965	£3,965	£15,979
Minority Group Whip	0	N/A	N/A	0.25	2	£3,004	£6,008	£15,018
Total			£199,783				£386,252	

* not payable while postholder also Chair of O&S

Total Costs of Basic + Special Responsibility Allowances		Total Cost/Projected Total Cost of Basic Allowance	Total Cost/Projected Total Costs of SRAs	Total Cost/Projected Total Costs of Basic Plus SRAs
Existing Merton Basic Cllr Allowance	£8694	£495,558	£199,783	£695,341
Working Group Recommended Cllr Allowance	£12,014	£684,798	£386,252	£1,071,050

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