

LOCAL AUTHORITIES (MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES) (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2003

MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES SCHEME FOR BEDFORDSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE

AUTHORITY

In accordance with the requirements of the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003. Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Authority have made a Members' allowances scheme to take effect for the period from 1 April 2022 until 31 March 2023.

The Scheme permits the payment of the following allowances to Members of the Fire and Rescue Authority (FRA) and is reviewed annually to account for any approved change in Annual Local Government Pay Settlements.

Basic Allowance (per Member) – £3,498.80 per annum

Special Responsibility Allowances

Post-holder	Allowance (per annum)
Chair of FRA	£13,995.20
Vice-Chair of FRA	£5,248.20
Executive Member	£1,049.64
Chair of Audit and Standards Committee	£1,049.64

At its meeting on 18 July 2019, the Fire Authority reviewed the Special Responsibility Allowances payable under the Scheme in the light of a governance review that had taken place and reduced the allowances payable to the Chair, Vice-chair and Executive Members. They have also agreed that a Member could receive no more than one Special Responsibility Allowance.

At the Executive Meeting held on 18 March 2022, in consideration of Members' physical attendance at meetings, the Special Responsibility Allowances are being reviewed by the Monitoring Officer.

The FRA agreed that for 2022/23 the Basic and Special Responsibility Allowances would be updated in accordance with the Annual Local Government Pay Settlement with effect from 1 April 2022. All the figures above remain current but do not include any increase for 2022/23 which, as yet, has not been agreed.

Travel Allowances

Cars

Members' own car: To align with the casual user mileage rate paid to non-uniformed personnel.

Public Transport

Rail (standard class only), bus and taxi (taxi where no other means of transport available) – fares reimbursed as incurred, subject to tickets/receipts being submitted wherever possible.

Dependant Carer's Allowance

Up to £6 per hour on production of receipts, with no upper ceiling for claims.

Copies of the full scheme are available from the Service Assurance Manager, Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Service, Southfields Road, Kempston, Bedford, MK42 7NR, Telephone: 01234 845000.

Date: May 2022

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