

## **Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales – Payments to Members of Community & Town Councils**

**For clarity, determinations 42 to 47 are permissive powers that require a formal decision by council. But where the community council makes such a decision, the decision must apply to all its members at the amounts determined by the Panel.**

*An individual member may make a personal decision to elect to forgo part or all of the entitlement to any of these allowances by giving notice in writing to the proper officer of the council.*

**In summary the IRP (Independent Remuneration Panel) has determined that:**

### **Determination (42)**

Each community and town council is permitted to make a payment to its members of a maximum amount of £100 per year for costs incurred in respect of telephone usage, information technology, consumables etc.

**A council resolution is required**

### **Determination (43)**

Community and town councils may continue to make payments to their members in respect of travel costs for attending approved duties outside the area of the council. Such payments must be the actual costs of travel by public transport or the HMRC mileage allowance as below:

- 45p per mile up to 10,000 miles in the year.
- 25p per mile over 10,000 miles.
- 5p per passenger per mile – passenger supplement.
- 24p per mile for private motor cycles.
- 20p per mile for bicycles

**A council resolution is required**

### **Determination (44)**

The community council may continue to reimburse subsistence expenses to their members for attending approved duties outside the area of the council at the maximum rates set out below on the basis of receipted claims:

- £28 per day allowance for meals, including breakfast where not provided.
- £150 – London overnight.
- £95 – elsewhere overnight.
- £25 – overnight staying with friends/family.

**A council resolution is required**

### **Determination (45)**

Community and town councils may continue to pay an Attendance Allowance to their members for attending approved duties outside the area of the council as follows;

- a. £16.23 for a period not exceeding 4 hours.
- b. £32.46 for a period exceeding 4 hours but not exceeding 24 hours.

**A council resolution is required**

**Determination (46)**

Community and town councils may continue to pay a Financial Loss Allowance to each of their members where such loss has actually occurred, for attending approved duties outside the area of the council as follows:

- a. £30.05 for a period not exceeding 4 hours.
- b. £60.11 for a period exceeding 4 hours but not exceeding 24 hours.
- c. £60.11 plus such amount as is payable under (a) and (b) above as appropriate for a period exceeding 24 hours.

**A council resolution is required**

**Determination (47)**

Community and town councils are authorised to provide a Civic Allowance to the Chair and Vice Chair of the council of an amount that each council deems appropriate to undertake the functions of that office.

**A council resolution is required**

The Local Authorities (Allowances for Members of Community Councils) (Wales) Regulations 2003 were revoked at midnight on 31 March 2013.