

**BRECKLAND COUNCIL
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2000
THE LOCAL AUTHORITY (MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES)
(ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2003**

Breckland Council adopted a new scheme of allowances for councillors for the period 1st April 2023– 31st March 2027, subject to any increase in line with the annually agreed Breckland staff settlement.

The scheme follows the recommendations of an Independent Remuneration Panel.

Basic Allowance

The Basic Allowance for District Councillors is increased from 1 April 2023 to £6100 for all 49 Members.

Any increase to the Basic Allowance for the financial years of 2024/25, 2025/26, and 2026/27 be linked to the annual Breckland staff pay award for all 49 Members.

Special Responsibility Allowances

- The Special Responsibility allowances within Tiers 1, 3, and 6 be frozen, until such time that any future annual increases become in line with the building block calculation as set out in Appendix B of the report (see link) <https://democracy.breckland.gov.uk/documents/s68244/Appendix%20B.pdf>
- The allowances in Tiers 2, 4, and 5 be increased in line with the building block calculation as set out in Appendix B of the report (see link) <https://democracy.breckland.gov.uk/documents/s68244/Appendix%20B.pdf>
- A Special Responsibility Allowance is re-instated for the Chairman of General Purposes and the allowance is set at £6100 pa (Tier 4) and is backdated to January 2022, when Council had agreed to re-instate the committee.
- The Special Responsibility Allowance payable to the Leader of the Main Opposition be increased to £6100 pa (Tier 4).
- For the Specialist Advisers, and Chairman or Vice-Chairman appointment to chair a meeting, such allowances be increased in line with the basic allowance increase of 5.5%.
- Any increase to the Special Responsibility Allowances for the financial years of 2024/25, 2025/26 and 2026/27 is linked to the annual Breckland staff pay award.

Special responsibility allowances (a maximum of one claimable per member) payable to the holders of the following positions at the annual rates indicated below. There is an option for Members not to claim allowances in part or in full. No allowance to be paid to any suspended Councillor.

Leader	£23,119.00
Deputy Leader	£15,250.00
Executive Members	£12,279.00
Chairmen	
- Overview & Scrutiny Commission	£12,279.00
- Planning	£12,279.00
- Licensing	£3,050.00
- Committee of the Licensing Authority	£3,050.00
- Governance & Audit	£6,100.00
- Council	£6,100.00
- General Purposes	£6,100.00
- Scrutiny Task & Finish Groups	£139.00 per meeting chaired
- Licensing Panel	£281.00 per meeting chaired
- Licensing Hearing Panel	£281.00 per meeting chaired
- Disciplinary Appointments Panel	£281.00 per meeting chaired
- Disciplinary & Appointments Appeals	£281.00 per meeting chaired
Leader of Main Opposition Group (<i>to be shared if more than one Opposition Group at the same time</i>).	£6,100.00
Leader of other political groups with more than 10 members	£2,055.00
Executive Support Members	£2,055.00
Vice-Chairman of the Council	£3,050.00
Specialist advisers to Audit Committee	£230.00 per session.

Independent Person in support of Standards requirements £28.50 per hour

Rate per session for persons taking meetings in Chairman's absence:

Overview & Scrutiny	£281.00 per meeting chaired
Planning	£281.00 per meeting chaired
Governance & Audit	£139.00 per meeting chaired
Scrutiny Task & Finish Panels	£70.00 per meeting chaired

A carers/childcare allowance of £12.00 per hour (linked to Real Living Wage). Proven or qualified specialist care – to be considered upon application and increased in line with any further increases set by the Government.

Broadband Allowance - £15 per month

The report is available for inspection on the website: www.breckland.gov.uk

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