

1. **Members' Allowances Cost of Living Increase** (Pages 2 – 4)

BOROUGH COUNCIL OF KING'S LYNN AND WEST NORFOLK

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY OFFICERS UNDER DELEGATED POWERS

This is a record of a decision taken by officers under delegated powers and where necessary taken in consultation with members and officers.

REPORT TITLE:	Members Allowances Cost of Living Increase 2026/2027
OPEN/EXEMPT	Open
LEAD OFFICER	Michelle Drewery, Deputy Chief Executive and Section 151 Officer
IS DECISION SUBJECT TO CALL IN?:	No
PRE-SCREENING EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT COMPLETED:	No

Delegated Power

Cabinet Recommendation to Council (agreed by Full Council on 27th February 2025):

CAB124 (recommendations 4 and 5):

Recommendation 4: Following the 2025-2026 year, indexation is applied to Members Allowances for 3 years in line with the percentage increase to the national joint council for local government pay services pay grades spinal column point 43.

Recommendation 5: The Chief Finance Officer is delegated to approve non-material revisions to the Members' Allowance Scheme, including the levels of allowances to reflect the current figures after indexation has been applied.

Decision Taken

To approve an increase in Members' Allowances for 2026/27 in line with the percentage increase applied to National Joint Council (NJC) Local Government Services pay scale Spinal Column Point (SCP) 43, following agreement of a 3.3% cost of living pay award, effective from 1 April 2026.

The revised schedule of allowances is attached as an appendix to this report.

Reasons for the Decision

To implement the resolution of Full Council made in February 2025, which provides for Members' Allowances for 2026/27 to be increased in line with the agreed percentage uplift.

Details of alternative options, if any, considered and rejected.

None.

Any declarations of interest and details of any dispensations granted in respect of interests (in relation to officers and any Members consulted).

No.

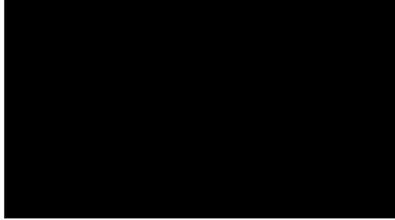
List of Background papers

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Authorisation

Michelle Drewery – Deputy Chief Executive and Section 151 Officer

Signature



Date **16/09/2026**

Members Allowances Rates effective**01 April 2026**

Allowance	Rate £
Basic Allowance	9669
ICT Allowance	225
Cabinet Chair/ Leader of Council	29007
Cabinet Vice Chair/ Deputy Leader	15954
Cabinet Member	13053
Policy and Review Panel Chair	5802
Policy and Review Panel Vice Chair	2031
Planning Chair	11604
Planning Vice Chair	4062
Licensing Chair	4350
Licensing Vice Chair	1959
Standards Chair	1449
Standards Vice Chair	507
Standards Independent Co-optee	282
Mayor	10152
Deputy Mayor	3555
Larger Opposition Group Leader	2946
Larger Opposition Group Deputy Leader	1326
Other Opposition Group Leader	1263
Other Opposition Group Deputy Leader	567
KL Area CC Chair	966