

**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 2024 to £6252.50 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 Allowance

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	£23,697.00
Deputy Leader	£15,631.00
Executive Members	£12,586.00
Chairmen	
- Overview & Scrutiny Commission	£12,586.00
- Planning	£12,586.00
- Licensing	£3,127.00
- Committee of the Licensing Authority	£3,127.00
- Governance & Audit	£6,253.00
- Council	£6,253.00
- General Purposes	£6,253.00
- Scrutiny Task & Finish Groups	£142.00 per meeting chaired
- Licensing Panel	£288.00 per meeting chaired
- Licensing Hearing Panel	£288.00 per meeting chaired
- Disciplinary Appointments Panel	£288.00 per meeting chaired
- Disciplinary & Appointments Appeals	£288.00 per meeting chaired

Leader of Main Opposition Group (*to be shared if more than one Opposition Group at the same time*). £6,252.00
Leader of other political groups with more than 10 members £2,106.00

Executive Support Members	£2,107.00
Vice-Chairman of the Council	£3,126.00
Specialist advisers to Audit Committee	£236.00 per session.

Independent Person in support of Standards requirements £29.00 per hour

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

Overview & Scrutiny	£289.00 per meeting chaired
Planning	£289.00 per meeting chaired
Governance & Audit	£143.00 per meeting chaired
Scrutiny Task & Finish Panels	£72.00 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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