

Questionnaire – Members Allowances 2015

Q3 - Planning Committee Allowance – Please comment on the allowances payable in respect of Planning Committee.

Answered: 19 Skipped: 3

1	I agree that an extra payment is made to a planning committee member or substitute for the extra hours involved in being a committee member.
2	I think that this is a fair allowance. If you are taking your responsibilities seriously it takes many man hours to read up on planning applications via the baking documents before even attending the committee.
3	Current level is fine.
4	As I previously stated the allowance should be greater.
5	Agree for the extra time involved.
6	No answer.
7	No answer.
8	No change.
9	No comment.
10	£20 is far too smaller payment to compensate for both anything up to 7 or more hours work and being the very public face, often making contentious decisions, of the Planning Authority For many Councillors, the Opportunity Cost sacrificed is massively greater than £20 for 7 hours and that discounts entirely, the background reading and research time invested It would make more sense, under the rules of attendance, for members of the Planning Committee to be in receipt of a permanent special responsibility allowance, never more so than Planning Committees need to be highly professional and need to improve their professionalism and knowledge Substitute allowances should also reflect time invested and opportunity cost.
11	This should not change.
12	Agreed in full. This is a significant commitment by individuals.
13	The chair and vice chair should also get the attendance allowance as they attend as do members in attendance.
14	Due to the site visit the allowance seems fair.

15	Substitute Members need to be recompensed as appropriate, especially if at short notice which may inconvenience them in performing a necessary public duty.
16	As this usually involves all afternoon and the evening this seems modest.
17	This is too low.
18	Nothing to comment as seems fair.
19	Cancel it.