



Chairman: Cllr Mrs D L Kelly B.E.M.

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REPORT OF THE PARISH REMUNERATION PANEL

Withyham Parish Council has received a report by the Wealden Parish Remuneration Panel on Town and Parish Councillor Allowances for 2024/25, under the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003.

The main features of the Panel's recommendations are:

- a) That allowances should be paid in accordance with three bands, Levels 1 to 3 [Withyham Parish Council is Level 1]
- b) That there be an increase in allowances in line with that recommended for District Councillors, with Basic and Chairman's Allowances rounded to the nearest pound. These allowances for 2024/25 to be as set out below

2024/25	LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3
<i>Basic Allowance</i>	£188	£468	£1,492
<i>Chairman's Allowance</i>	£326	£734	£2,060

- c) That the policy to fix Travelling Allowances in line with HM Revenue & Customs 'Approved Mileage Allowance Payment' (AMAP) rates be re-affirmed;
- d) Subsistence Allowance to be the same as those indicated for District Councillors.
- e) That the recommendations set out above are all proposed for implementation at the commencement of the financial year 2024/25. However, Town and Parish Councils can choose the extent to which they wish to implement these allowances; and
- f) The Panel notes with regret that it is still not possible under the current legislation to recommend a Carers' Allowance for Parish/ Town Councillors, but would wish for all Parish and Town Councils to consider adopting a basic allowance to enable Parish/Town Councillors to use this to cover care costs where need to attend meetings.

Withyham Parish Council will consider the report's recommendations at its Council meeting of 8th January 2024.

A copy of the Panel's report is available for inspection and can be provided on reasonable notice by contacting the Clerk using the details below in accordance with Regulation 28.

Deborah Siddle, Clerk
2nd January 2024