



DOE

Department of
the Environment
www.doeni.gov.uk

Clerk and Chief Executive of each District Council
Finance Officer of each District Council,
Mr D McCallan, Chief Executive, Northern Ireland Local Government Association,
Cllr R Ferguson, Secretary, National Association of Councillors
Mr L Hannaway, Honorary Secretary, Society of Local Authority Chief Executives,
Ms J McCaffrey, Chair, Association of Local Government Finance Officers
Mr A Kerr, Chief Executive, Local Government Staff Commission,
Mr D Murphy, Secretary, Northern Ireland Local Government Officers' Superannuation Committee,
Mr J Quinn, Chief Executive, Arc21,
Mr G Craig, Finance Director, Arc21
Ms L Mason, Chief Local Government Auditor
Mr R Allen, Director, Local Government Audit
Other interested parties

Local Government Policy Division

Local Government Finance
1st Floor
Millennium House
17-25 Great Victoria Street
Malone Lower
BELFAST
BT2 7BN

Telephone: 028 9041 6711
Facsimile: 028 9025 6080
Email: jeff.glass@doeni.gov.uk

Your reference:
Our reference: DO1-13-534

Date: 30 August 2013

Circular No. LG 21/2013

Dear Sir/Madam

COUNCILLORS' ALLOWANCES

The Department has now determined new maximum rates of allowances, payable under the Local Government (Payments to Councillors) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012.

The Councillors' Remuneration Working Group, in its report of June 2006, recommended that the increase in councillors' allowances should be in line with the annual increase in the pay of local government officers. At that time, it had been anticipated that an independent remuneration panel would have been in place by April 2009 and that any further review of rates of councillors' allowances, post 2009, would be a matter for that panel. As you will be aware the Remuneration Panel was not appointed until 1 May 2013 with a remit to determine a system and level of allowances that will fairly reflect the roles and responsibilities that councillors will take on as members of the newly formed 11 councils in April 2015 and to advise on the allowances to be paid to councillors during the shadow period commencing 2014.

The Northern Ireland Joint Council for Local Government Services has advised us that agreement has now been reached on the pay increase of 1% for local government officers with effect from 1 April 2013 and Mr Mark H Durkan, Minister of the Environment, has

agreed that an increase of 1% should be applied to councillors' allowances, with effect from 1 April 2013.

These determinations do not affect the separate allowance for membership of Statutory Transition Committees (STCs) which was detailed in Circular LG 18/2013. Regulation 11 of the Local Government (Statutory Transition Committee) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2013 provided for allowances to be paid to councillors who are also members of the STCs. The STC allowance should not exceed £2,700 per annum.

A copy of the formal determinations detailing the rates for the Basic Allowance and the Special Responsibility Allowance are attached, these are effective from 1 April 2013.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeff Glass". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J".

JEFF GLASS

Encs.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2011
LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PAYMENTS TO COUNCILLORS) REGULATIONS
(NORTHERN IRELAND) 2012

DETERMINATION OF MAXIMUM RATE OF BASIC ALLOWANCE

The Department of the Environment, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 31 of the Local Government Finance Act (Northern Ireland) 2011(a), hereby determines that, with effect from 1 April 2013, the maximum amount of basic allowance payable under the Local Government (Payments to Councillors) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012(b), shall not exceed £9,835 per councillor per annum.

Dated this 30th day of AUGUST 2013.

A senior officer of the Department of the Environment

Linda MacTough

- (a) 2011 c.10 (N.I)
- (b) S.R.2012 No.85

LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2011
LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PAYMENTS TO COUNCILLORS) REGULATIONS
(NORTHERN IRELAND) 2012

DETERMINATION OF MAXIMUM RATES OF SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY ALLOWANCE

The Department of the Environment, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 31 of the Local Government Finance Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 (a), hereby determines that, with effect from 1 April 2013, the maximum amounts of special responsibility allowance payable under the Local Government (Payments to Councillors) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012(b), shall not exceed the amounts specified in the following table:-

A DISTRICT COUNCIL WITH A POPULATION	TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE IN A FINANCIAL YEAR	MAXIMUM RATE PAYABLE TO INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS
(Column 1)	(Column 2)	(Column 3)
200,000 or more	£82,820	One-fifth of the amount in Column 2
100,000 – 199,999 (inclusive)	£62,115	One-fifth of the amount in Column 2
50,000 – 99,999 (inclusive)	£31,058	One-fifth of the amount in Column 2
Less than 50,000	£20,705	One-fifth of the amount in Column 2

Dated this 30th day of AUGUST 2013.

A senior officer of the Department of the Environment

Hinde MacIntyre

- (a) 2011 c.10 (N.I)
 (b) S.R.2012 No. 85