

Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales determines an increase in councillors' allowances this year

The Panel has determined an increase of 1.49% to the basic salary for elected members of principal councils to begin to address the erosion of the salary in relation to average earnings. This will take the basic salary to £13,600.

The Panel banded Community and Town councils into three bandings according to the level of income or expenditure. This is to reflect the wide variation in responsibilities of community and town councils across Wales.

The Panel have determined that the biggest community and town councils must pay £150 per year to every councillor as a contribution towards costs and expenses incurred by the councillor during the year.

They also propose that every community and town council reimburse the costs of care for all members where necessary. These measures are aimed at enabling councillors to effectively fulfil their role.

This final report and the Panel's previous reports and determinations can be viewed [here](#).