

## **Members' Allowance Scheme 2011/12**

At its meeting on 14 December 2011 the Fire Authority agreed the following:

That the annual inflationary increase will not be applied to Members' Allowances for 2011/12.

The Scheme remains as follows:

- Basic Allowance**
- 1 Each Member of the Fire Authority shall receive a sum of **£3,951** (2010/11) per annum in the form of a Basic Allowance from 1 April 2010. Payment of this Allowance shall be monthly in arrears.

- Special Responsibility Allowance**
- 2 The following shall receive the amounts specified as Special Responsibility Allowance for the duties indicated:

<b>Office</b>	<b>11/12 Entitlement £</b>
Chair of the CFA	<b>12,998</b>
Vice Chair of the CFA	<b>5,199</b>
Chair of Standards Committee	<b>1,097</b>
Chair of Performance and Overview Committee	<b>2,600</b>
Independent members (Co-optees)	<b>1,157</b>
North West Fire & Rescue Partnership Board:	
Chair (if applicable)	<b>2,000</b>
Members	<b>1,500</b>
Business Continuity Leads/Lead Members*	<b>1,000</b>
Member Champions	<b>500</b>
Chair of Member Training Group	<b>500</b>
Risk Management Board Members	<b>500</b>

\* *Lead Members allowance agreed at CFA on 14 December 2011.*

### **Travel and Subsistence Allowances (a) Travel**

- 2 Members may claim travel expenses to and from meetings associated with the Fire Authority at the casual user rate. The current rates, as set by the NJC for 2010-11 stands at:

	<b>451 - 999cc</b>	<b>1000 - 1199cc</b>	<b>1200 - 1450cc</b>
<b>per mile first 8,500</b>	46.9p	52.2p	65p
<b>per mile after 8,500</b>	13.7p	14.4p	16.4p

Members may, if they wish, opt to claim the tax-free mileage allowance of 45p per mile.

**(b) Subsistence**

- 4 As a general rule lunch and other refreshments for meetings held at Fire Service HQ and other Service establishments are provided free of charge and, therefore, no claim for any allowance or reimbursement can be made. This may also include meals/refreshments provided at conferences/seminars/meetings free of charge at other non CFA venues.
- 5 For meetings where refreshments are not provided and Members are required to pay for meals, the actual expenditure will be reimbursed up to a maximum rate. At present these rates are as follows:-

Breakfast	£7
Lunch	£9
Dinner	£15
Dinner (London)	£20
Hotel	£100
Hotel (London)	£120