

Members' Allowance Scheme 2012/13

At its meeting on 13 June 2012 the Fire Authority agreed the following:
That the annual inflationary increase will not be applied to Members' Allowances for 2012/13.

The Scheme remains as follows:

Basic Allowance

- 1 Each Member of the Fire Authority shall receive a sum of **£3,951** (2012/13) per annum in the form of a Basic Allowance from 1 April 2012. 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:

Office	2012/13 Entitlement £
Chair of the CFA	12,998
Vice Chair of the CFA (now Deputy)	5,199
Chair of Standards Committee	1,097
Chair of Performance and Overview Committee	2,600
Independent members (Co-optees)	1,157
North West Fire & Rescue Management Board: (now North West Fire & Rescue Partnership Board)	
Chair (if applicable)	2,000
Members	1,500
Business Continuity Leads (Lead Members)	1,000
Member Champions	500
Chair of Member Training & Development Group	500
Risk Management Board Members	500

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 (*no change for 2012/13*) stands at:

	451 - 999cc	1000 - 1199cc	1200 - 1450cc
per mile first 8,500	46.9p	52.2p	65p
per mile after 8,500	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