

Members' Allowance Scheme 2009/10 – Revised

At its meeting on 10 February 2010 the Fire Authority approved the final report of the Independent Remuneration Panel which made recommendations for the revisions to the 2009/10 scheme to be applied retrospectively from April 1st 2009.

The corresponding adjustments to the existing rates are set out below.

Basic Allowance

- 1 Each Member of the Fire Authority shall receive a sum of **£3,951** (£3,866 in 2008-09) per annum in the form of a Basic Allowance from 1 April 2009. 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	09-10 (revised) Entitlement	08-09 Entitlement
	£	£
Chair of the CFA	12,998	10,733
Vice Chair of the CFA	5,199	4,293
Chair of Standards Committee	1,097	1,073
Chair of Performance and Overview Committee	2,600¹	1,073
Independent members (Co-optees) (x 3)	1,157	1,132
<u>North West Fire & Rescue Management Board</u>		
<u>(x3)</u>		
Chair (if applicable)	2,600	1,764
Members	1,500	881
New SRA's agreed from April 2009:		
Business Continuity Leads (x2)	1,000²	n/a
Member Champions (x11)	500	n/a
Chair of Member Training Group	500	n/a
Risk Management Board Members (x2)	500	n/a

¹ Revised rate applied from October 2009 when revised Terms of Reference for the Committee came into effect

² Allowance for Business Continuity Leads agreed in principle, subject to final approval in April 2010

Travel and Subsistence Allowances

(a) Travel

- 3 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 2009-10 stands at:

	451 - 999cc	1000 - 1199cc	1200 - 1450cc
per mile first 8,500	42.9p	47.7p	60.1p
per mile after 8,500	11.7p	12.2p	14.2p

Members may, if they wish, opt to claim the tax-free mileage allowance of 40p 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