

Part 6 - Members Allowance Scheme

1. Mayoral Allowance

- 1.1 The North East Mayoral Combined Authority (Establishment and Functions) Order 2024 states that the Authority may pay an allowance to the Mayor if:
- i. it has considered a report and recommendation from an Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP); and
 - ii. the amount does not exceed the IRP's recommendation.
- 1.2 On 7 May 2024 the Cabinet considered a report and recommendations of Durham County Council's Independent Remuneration Panel.
- 1.3 The Cabinet agreed that:
- (1) an allowance of £92,000 be payable to the North East Mayor;
 - (2) the allowance be subject to annual increases linked to the consumer price index (CPI).

2. Other allowances

- 2.1 Durham County Council's Independent Remuneration Panel were also asked to report and make recommendations in relation to other allowances. Having considered the IRP report the Cabinet also agreed that:
- (1) an allowance of £500 plus expenses be payable to the Chair of the Audit and Standards Committee for each committee meeting attended;
 - (2) an initial annual allowance of £1,000 for the first twelve months be payable to the Independent Person(s) appointed for the purposes of the standards regime under Section 28 of the Localism Act 2011; and
 - (3) Durham County Council's IRP be requested to review the allowances payable to the Chair of the Audit and Standards Committee and Independent Person(s) appointed for the purposes of the standards regime after 12 months of operation.