

Dear Tribunal Members

**Re: councillor allowances**

Being a councillor is a 7-day job, where usually up to 3 hours per day is spent handling ratepayer enquiries and general ward advocacy, with the exclusion of public and social events, social media and meetings.

I suggest that the role, despite not having fixed hours, factoring in the latter is comparable to a full-time position, however an allowance is awarded reflecting a part-time role.

Further a councillor, does not have office staff that would assist with meeting growing ratepayer engagement and awareness, so therefore is left to manage a high-volume of tasks in this absence on their own.

No consideration is made within the current allowance for vehicle maintenance, servicing and insurance, despite a vehicle being an essential part of the role, nor does the role provide any allowance for marketing expenditure.

For reason of the above, the existing part-time allowance must be updated to reflect a full-time role with consideration of vehicular and marketing expenses.

Thank you

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