DOVER TOWN COUNCIL

PARISH BASIC ALLOWANCE

PARISH TRAVEL AND SUSBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE

- Dover Town council has received the report of the East Kent Joint Parish Independent Remuneration Panel (dated December 2025). The report applies to the years 2026-2030.

- Parish basic allowance should encourage people from a wide range of backgrounds and with a wide variety of skills to serve as local Councillors.

- Parish basic Allowance is intended to recognise the time commitment of Councillors and to provide for a small contribution toward incidental costs such as the use of their homes/telephones/broadband. It is the view of the Panel that there should be no opportunity for financial gain in the level of Parish Basic Allowance recommended.

- The Panel recommends the following:

    - That the amount of Parish basic Allowance payable to Councillors be £850 and indexed linked to the Consumer Price Index.
    - That the amount of Chairman's Basic Allowance payable to the Chairman of the Council be £1700 and indexed linked to the Consumer Price Index.
    - That the amount of travel and subsistence allowance payable to Councillors for duties outside the Town boundary be set at the HM Revenue and Customs Approved Mileage Allowance Payments Scheme and indexed linked.
    - That travel and subsistence allowance not be paid in respect of duties within the Town Boundary in geographically compact Local Council boundaries.
    - That consideration be given to the time limits within which claims may be submitted under the travel and subsistence allowance scheme.

- A copy of the Panel's report is available for inspection on the Dover Town Council website www.dovertowncouncil.gov.uk

- This notice is placed in accordance with Regulation 30 of the Local Authorities (Members Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003

Dated: 1 April 2026