

Public notice

London Borough of Lambeth: Constitutional Issues 2009-10

Executive arrangements

The Council operates under the leader and cabinet model.

Forward plan

This sets out the key decisions that the Cabinet and officers are planning to take over the forthcoming one to four months. For each item, the Forward Plan includes a short description of the issue and when a decision is expected to be taken, who the decision-maker will be and how they can be contacted, what reports and background documents are available, and who will be consulted and how. The Council publishes the Forward Plan mid-monthly, to take effect on the first working day of the following month. Each edition is published at www.lambeth.gov.uk and can be inspected at Lambeth libraries and Lambeth Town Hall (see below). The publication dates are as follows: 17 June, 20 July, 18 August, 17 September, 19 October, 17 November and 21 December 2009, and 18 January, 15 February, 18 March, 20 April and 18 May 2010.

Members Allowance Scheme

The following amended scheme was adopted on 6 May 2009 and will operate until further notice. The amended scheme is backdated to 1 April 2009.

Basic Allowance: An allowance of £10,494* is payable to all Councillors (subject to index linking).

Telephone allowance: An additional allowance of £250 is payable to each councillor. No claims for telephone expenses can be made. The Councillor is required to advertise their telephone number to constituents.

Special Responsibility Allowances (SRAs): the following SRAs are paid (subject to index linking) in addition to the above.

SRA and civic allowances	Councillor	£ pa
Mayor civic allowance	Wellbelove	15,795
Deputy Mayor civic allowance	Kimm	5,265
Leader of the Council	Reed	40,215
Remaining nine Cabinet members:		
Deputy Leader of the Council	Meldrum	28,236
Cabinet Member for Children and Young People	McGlone	28,236
Cabinet Member for Community Safety	M. Bennett	28,236
Cabinet Member for Culture and Communities	Heywood	28,236
Cabinet Member for Employment and Enterprise	Kazantzis	28,236
Cabinet Member for Environment	Prentice	28,236*
Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources	Dickson	28,236**
Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing	Campbell	28,236
Cabinet Member for Housing and Regeneration	Peck	28,236
Chief Whip	McKenna	16,194
Cabinet Deputies:		
Deputy Cabinet Member for Economic Recovery	Abrams	10,797
Deputy Cabinet Member for Housing and Neighbourhoods	McHugh	10,797
Deputy Cabinet Member for Sustainability	Haselden	10,797
Deputy Cabinet Member for Young People	Nosegbe	10,797
Opposition Groups:		
Leader of the Opposition Majority Group	Lumsden	10,797
Leader of the Opposition Minority Group	J. Whelan	5,556
Chairs of scrutiny committees:		
Overview and Scrutiny	Giess	10,797
Children and Young Peoples' Service	Poole	10,797

Environment and Community Safety	Walker	10,797
Finance	Robbins	10,797
Health and Adult Services	O'Malley	10,797
Housing	Bowyer	10,797
Other posts:		
Planning Applications Committee: Chair	Smith	16,194
Planning Applications Committee: Vice-Chair	Morris	5,556
Licensing Committee and Sub-Committee: Chair	S. Malley	5,556
Corporate Committee: Chair	Hipwell	5,556
Adoption and Fostering Panels: one member to serve on each	Fewtrell & Valcarcel	5,556***
Standards Committee: Independent Members (non-Councillor): Chair	Mr. S. Phillips	240****

Notes:

* Councillor Prentice has elected to pay £8,000 of her allowances to charity.

** £27,480 is applied to this post; Councillor Dickson has elected to receive £17,232.

*** Shared between two members (one Administration and one Opposition Majority group).

**** Per meeting.

Monthly payments: Basic, special responsibility and telephone allowances are payable in monthly instalments. No more than 50% of the Council may receive an SRA, and one SRA per member only may be paid.

Childcare & Dependent Care Allowance: this allowance is discretionary; up to £7 per hour (plus a taxi fare up to £10 for the carer) may be claimed for certain qualifying duties.

Travel, Subsistence & Other Expenses: certain expenses can be claimed for eligible duties; full details are set out in Part 6 of the Council's Constitution.

Pensions: Eligible Councillors may join the Local Government Pension Scheme.

Withholding of Allowances: the scheme requires the withholding of allowances where a Councillor has been suspended: both the basic and SRA allowances may be withheld where a member is subject to total suspension and any SRA for partial suspension, and to require the repayment of any allowances which have been paid in respect of a period during which a member has been suspended.

Non-Councillor Members on Specified Panels: travel and subsistence expenses may be claimed for Pension Fund Investment Panel and Financial Loss Allowance is additionally payable to Education Appeal Panel members.

Civic expenses: A civic expenses budget of £2,000 is available to meet the costs of civic gifts and hospitality and maintenance of civic regalia.

Independent report

In adopting and amending its scheme, the Council had regard to the summer 2003 and October 2006 reports of the Independent Panel to London Councils on the Remuneration of Councillors in London. The recommendations in the 2006 report included the following:

- Level of allowances:

Allowance	Amount - £
Basic:	9,964
Special Responsibility Allowance:	
Band 1	2,227 – 8,323
Band 2	14,418 – 26,609
Band 3	32,705 – 38,801
Band 4	61,155

- Roles for councillors
- Public accountability
- Remuneration for Chair of Planning
- Co-opted member allowances
- Provision for sickness etc absence
- Resettlement payments
- Pension entitlement
- Automatic uprating and thereafter tied to the annual Local Government Pay Settlement as its index
- 50% ceiling on number of councillors to receive an SRA

Further information

Copies of the scheme and guidance note, details of payments made to councillors, and the Independent Panel reports are on the Council website or may be inspected at Lambeth Town Hall (9am-5pm, Monday to Friday) – see contact information below.

Notice of Payments to Councillors in the financial year 2008-09

(in accordance with regulation 15(3) of the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003):

Councillors	Basic	SRA	Tel	Travel
	£	£	£	£
Abrams, Kingsley	10,461.00	0.00	249.96	0.00
Akhtar, Pav	10,461.00	0.00	249.96	0.00
Aminu, Adedamol	10,461.00	0.00	249.96	0.00
Anyanwu, Donatus	10,461.00	28,152.00	249.96	0.00
Banks, Robert	10,461.00	0.00	249.96	0.00
Bennett, Clive	10,461.00	0.00	249.96	0.00
Bennett, Mark	10,461.00	28,152.00	249.96	0.00
Bowyer, Peter	9,957.75	9,243.78	249.96	0.00
Bradley, Steve	10,790.47	0.00	258.02	0.00
Braithwaite, Diana	10,461.00	2,290.00	249.96	0.00
Cameron, Marcia	10,461.00	0.00	249.96	0.00
Campbell, Lorna	10,461.00	28,690.50	249.96	100.30
Clarke, Sheila	10,461.00	0.00	249.96	0.00
Clyne, Jeremy	10,461.00	0.00	249.96	0.00
Dickson, Jim	10,461.00	21,220.42	249.96	0.00
Dodsworth, Gavin	10,461.00	0.00	249.96	0.00
Evans-Jacas, Betty	10,461.00	0.00	249.96	0.00
Fewtrell, June	10,461.00	2,769.00	249.96	0.00
Fitzpatrick, Daniel	10,461.00	0.00	249.96	0.00
Gibson, Andrew	10,461.00	0.00	249.96	0.00
Giess, Roger	10,461.00	10,769.50	249.96	0.00
Gray, Faye	10,461.00	0.00	249.96	0.00
Haselden, Nigel	10,461.00	10,769.50	249.96	0.00
Heather, Julian	10,461.00	0.00	249.96	0.00
Heywood, Rachel	10,461.00	10,747.50	249.96	0.00
Hipwell, Michael	10,461.00	5,638.00	249.96	0.00
Kazantzis, John	10,461.00	28,152.00	249.96	0.00
Kimm, Irene	10,440.25	0.00	249.96	0.00
Ling, Ruth	10,461.00	0.00	249.96	0.00
Lumsden, Ashley	10,461.00	10,769.50	249.96	80.50
Malley, David	10,461.00	0.00	249.96	0.00
Malley, Sharon	10,461.00	5,538.00	249.96	0.00
Malone, David	10,461.00	0.00	249.96	0.00
Marchant, Daphne	10,461.00	0.00	249.96	0.00
McGlone, Paul	10,461.00	28,152.00	249.96	116.00
McHugh, Kirsty	10,461.00	10,769.50	249.96	0.00
McKenna, Alex	10,461.00	16,149.00	249.96	0.00
Meador, Angela	10,461.00	15,750.00	249.96	0.00
Meldrum, Jackie	10,461.00	28,152.00	249.96	0.00
Morgan, Stephen	10,461.00	0.00	249.96	0.00
Morris, Diana	10,461.00	5,537.50	249.96	0.00
Nosegbe, Florence	10,461.00	10,769.50	249.96	0.00
O'Malley, Helen	10,461.00	10,769.50	249.96	0.00
Palmer, Brian	10,461.00	0.00	249.96	0.00
Patil, Neeraj	10,461.00	0.00	249.96	0.00
Peck, Lib	10,461.00	28,152.00	249.96	0.00
Poole, Suzanne	10,461.00	10,769.50	249.96	0.00
Prentice, Sally	10,461.00	28,152.00	249.96	44.70

Pycock, Graham	10,461.00	0.00	249.96	0.00
Reed, Steve	10,461.00	40,098.00	249.96	0.00
Robbins, Peter	10,461.00	10,769.50	249.96	0.00
Sabharwal, Neil	10,461.00	0.00	249.96	0.00
Sanders, Darren	10,461.00	0.00	249.96	0.00
Sawdon, Andrew	10,461.00	0.00	249.96	64.00
Smith, Toren	10,461.00	16,149.00	249.96	0.00
Thackray, Rebecca	10,461.00	0.00	249.96	41.00
Townend, Sam	10,461.00	0.00	249.96	0.00
Truesdale, Pete	10,461.00	0.00	249.96	0.00
Valcarcel, Christine	10,461.00	2,769.00	249.96	0.00
Walker, Imogen	10,461.00	10,769.50	249.96	0.00
Wellbelove, Christopher	10,461.00	5,250.00	249.96	0.00
Whelan, Clare	10,461.00	0.00	249.96	0.00
Whelan, John	10,461.00	5,538.00	249.96	0.00

No Dependent Care Allowance payments were made. A Co-optee Allowance of £726 was paid to Steve Phillips, Chair of the Standards Committee.

Member code of conduct, register of member interests and gifts & hospitality

The model code of conduct for councillors and voting co-opted members and the register of interests of councillors and co-opted members, which includes a register of accepted gifts and hospitality, are open to public inspection: see contact details below.

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