

London Borough of Lambeth: Constitutional Issues 2010-11

Executive arrangements

The Council operates under the strong 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 Town Hall (see below). The publication dates are as follows: 17 June, 19 July, 18 August, 17 September, 18 October, 17 November and 21 December 2010, and 18 January, 15 February, 18 March, 19 April, 18 May and 17 June 2011.

Members Allowance Scheme

The following amended scheme was adopted on 26 May 2010 and will operate until further notice. All allowances have been frozen at 2009-10 levels.

Basic Allowance: An allowance of £10,597 is payable to all Councillors.

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 in addition to the above.

SRA civic allowances	Councillor	£ pa
Mayor civic allowance	Patil	15,954^^
Deputy Mayor civic allowance	Valcarcel	5,319^^^
Leader of the Council	Reed	40,617

Remaining nine Cabinet members:

Deputy Leader of the Council	Meldrum	28,518
Cabinet Member for Children and Young People	Robbins	28,518
Cabinet Member for Communities and Community Safety	Heywood	28,518
Cabinet Member for Culture, Sport and the 2012 Games	Nosegbe	28,518
Cabinet Member for Environment	Campbell	28,518
Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources	McGlone	28,518
Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing	Dickson	28,518*
Cabinet Member for Housing	Peck	28,518
Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Planning, Employment and Enterprise	Prentice	28,518
	Hopkins	16,356

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Cabinet Deputies:

Deputy Cabinet Member for Housing and Employment	Wellbelove	10,905
Deputy Cabinet Member for Older People	Pickard	10,905
Deputy Cabinet Member for Sustainability and Transport	Haselden	10,905
Deputy Cabinet Member for Young People	Aminu	10,905

Opposition Groups:

Leader of the Opposition Majority Group	Lumsden	10,905
Leader of the Opposition Minority Group	J. Whelan	5,613

Chairs of scrutiny committees:

Overview and Scrutiny	Giess	10,905
Children and Young Peoples' Service	Harrison	10,905
Environment and Community Safety	Walker	10,905
Finance	Anyanwu	10,905
Health and Adult Services	Cameron	10,905
Housing	Bowyer	10,905

Other posts:

Planning Applications Committee: Chair	Moms	16,194
Planning Applications Committee: Vice-Chair	-	5,556
Licensing Committee and Sub-Committee: Chair	Targett-Parker	5,613
Corporate Committee: Chair	Malley	5,613**
Adoption and Permanency Panel member	Valcarcel	5,613
Standards Committee: Independent Members (non-Councillor): Chair	Mr S. Phillips	256***

Notes:

^ Councillor Mark Harrison has elected not to receive this allowance.

^^ Councillor Dr. Neeraj Patil has elected to receive this allowance from 1 July 2010.

^^^ This allowance is not to be paid to Councillor Christiana Valcarcel as a maximum of one SRA is payable to any one member.

* Sum of £4608 waived by incumbent.

** Waived by incumbent.

*** 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, October 2006 and May 2010 reports of the Independent Panel to London Councils on the Remuneration of Councillors in London. The recommendations in the 2010 report included the following:

- Level of allowances:

Allowance	Amount-£
Basic:	10,597
Special Responsibility Allowance:	
Band 1	2,368 – 8,852
Band 2	15,333 – 28,298
Band 3	34,780 – 41,262
Band 4	64,824

- Roles for councillors
- Public accountability
- Independent members of Standards Committee allowances
- Co-opted member allowances
- Provision for sickness etc absence
- Rationalisation of tax position
- 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 – see contact information below.

Notice of Payments to Councillors in the financial year 2009-10

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

Councillor	Basic £	SRA £	Tel £	Subst £	Travel £	Arns £
Abrams, Kingsley	10,599.00	10,905.00	249.96	0.00	0.00	39.00
Akhtar, Pav	10,599.00	0.00	249.96	0.00	0.00	39.00
Aminu, Adedamol	10,599.00	0.00	249.96	0.00	0.00	39.00
Anyanwu, Donatus	10,599.00	0.00	249.96	0.00	0.00	123.00
Banks, Robert	10,599.00	0.00	249.96	0.00	0.00	39.00
Bennett, Clive	10,599.00	0.00	249.96	0.00	0.00	39.00
Bennett, Mark	10,599.00	28,518.00	249.96	0.00	0.00	123.00
Bowyer, Peter	10,599.00	10,905.00	249.96	0.00	0.00	52.01
Bradley, Steve	10,599.00	0.00	249.96	0.00	0.00	39.00
Braithwaite, Diana	10,599.00	0.00	249.96	0.00	0.00	39.00
Cameron, Marcia	10,599.00	0.00	249.96	0.00	0.00	39.00
Campbell, Lorna	10,599.00	28,518.00	249.96	0.00	41.10	123.00
Clarke, Sheila	10,599.00	0.00	249.96	0.00	0.00	39.00
Clyne, Jeremy	10,599.00	0.00	249.96	0.00	0.00	39.00
Dickson, Jim	10,599.00	23,070.00	249.96	0.00	0.00	100.44
Dodsworth, Gavin	10,599.00	0.00	249.96	0.00	0.00	39.00
Evans-Jacas, Betty	10,599.00	0.00	249.96	0.00	0.00	39.00
Fewtrell, June	10,599.00	2,805.00	249.96	0.00	0.00	9.00
Fitzpatrick, Daniel	10,599.00	0.00	249.96	0.00	0.00	39.00
Gibson, Andrew	10,599.00	0.00	249.96	0.00	0.00	39.00
Giess, Roger	10,599.00	10,905.00	249.96	0.00	0.00	63.00
Gray, Faye	10,599.00	0.00	249.96	0.00	0.00	39.00
Harrison, Mark	8744.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Haselden, Nigel	10,599.00	10,905.00	249.96	0.00	0.00	63.00
Heather, Julian	10,599.00	0.00	249.96	0.00	0.00	39.00
Heywood, Rachel	10,599.00	28,518.00	249.96	122.00	0.00	63.00
Hipwell, Michael	10,599.00	5,613.00	249.96	0.00	0.00	57.00
Kazantzis, John	10,599.00	28,518.00	249.96	0.00	0.00	123.00
Kimm, Irene	10,599.00	5,322.00	249.96	0.00	0.00	39.00
Ling, Ruth	10,599.00	0.00	249.96	0.00	0.00	39.00
Lumsden, Ashley	10,599.00	10,905.00	249.96	0.00	0.00	63.00
Malley, David	10,599.00	0.00	249.96	0.00	0.00	39.00
Malone, David	10,599.00	0.00	249.96	0.00	0.00	39.00
Marchant, Daphne	10,599.00	0.00	249.96	0.00	29.90	39.00
McGlone, Paul	10,599.00	28,518.00	249.96	0.00	0.00	123.00
McHugh, Kirsty	10,599.00	10,905.00	249.96	0.00	0.00	63.00
McKenna, Alex	10,599.00	16,356.00	249.96	0.00	0.00	84.00
Meador, Angela	10,599.00	0.00	249.96	0.00	0.00	84.00
Meldrum, Jackie	10,599.00	28,518.00	249.96	0.00	0.00	123.00
Morgan, Stephen	10,599.00	0.00	249.96	0.00	0.00	39.00
Morris, Diana	10,599.00	5,613.00	249.96	0.00	0.00	57.00
Nosegbe, Florence	10,599.00	10,905.00	249.96	0.00	0.00	63.00
O'Malley, Helen	10,599.00	10,905.00	249.96	0.00	0.00	63.00
Palmer, Brian	10,599.00	0.00	249.96	0.00	0.00	39.00
Patil, Neeraj	10,599.00	0.00	249.96	0.00	0.00	39.00
Peck, Elizabeth	10,599.00	28,518.00	249.96	0.00	0.00	123.00
Poole, Suzanne	10,599.00	10,905.00	249.96	0.00	0.00	63.00
Prentice, Sally	10,599.00	28,518.00	249.96	0.00	21.20	123.00
Pycok, Graham	10,599.00	0.00	249.96	0.00	0.00	39.00
Reed, Steve	10,599.00	40,617.00	249.96	228.75	0.00	156.00
Robbins, Peter	10,599.00	10,905.00	249.96	0.00	0.00	63.00
Sabharwal, Neil	10,599.00	0.00	249.96	0.00	0.00	39.00
Sanders, Darren	10,599.00	0.00	249.96	0.00	0.00	39.00
Sawdon, Andrew	10,599.00	0.00	249.96	9.99	49.00	39.00
Smith, Toren	10,599.00	16,356.00	249.96	0.00	0.00	84.00
Thackray, Rebecca	10,599.00	0.00	249.96	0.00	0.00	39.00
Townend, Sam	670.45	0.00	15.97	0.00	0.00	0.00
Truesdale, Peter	10,599.00	0.00	249.96	0.00	0.00	39.00
Valcarcel, Christiana	10,599.00	2,805.00	249.96	0.00	0.00	48.00
Walker, Imogen	10,599.00	10,905.00	249.96	0.00	0.00	63.00
Ward, Sharon	10,599.00	5,613.00	249.96	0.00	0.00	57.00
Wellbelove, Chris	10,599.00	15,954.00	249.96	0.00	0.00	54.00
Whelan, Clare	10,599.00	0.00	249.96	0.00	0.00	39.00
Whelan, John	10,599.00	5,613.00	249.96	0.00	0.00	57.00

No Dependent Care Allowance payments were made. A Co-optee Allowance of £766 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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