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## NOTICE

### Sleaford Town Council - Councillors' Basic Allowances

The Local Authorities (Members' Allowance) (England) Regulations 2003 (as amended) lay down the rules and requirements for the payment of allowances to town and parish councillors.

Sleaford Town Councillors have been able to claim an annual basic allowance of £408 per annum (£34 per month) since 2003. The allowance is not a salary but a figure which is calculated to cover the expenses which are normally associated with the basic duties of being a local councillor. The Town Council is obliged to by law to deduct income tax when paying the allowance to any councillor that claims it.

In September 2017, the Council requested a review of its current basis allowance as it had been unchanged since 2003.

The review was carried out in October 2017 by the **Independent Remuneration Panel** as established by North Kesteven District Council.

The Panel has reported back as follows;

*Having regard to the considerations of the Remuneration Panel and the information available to it, the Panel recommends:*

1. That a basic allowance of £800 per annum could be paid to elected members of Sleaford Town Council;
2. That because a basic allowance of £800 per annum would be a considerable increase, the Town Council may wish to consider phasing the increase in over a two-year period.

A full copy of the Panel's report is available on the Town Council's website at [www.sleaford.gov.uk](http://www.sleaford.gov.uk) or paper copies can be obtained from the Town Hall, Navigation Yard, Sleaford NG34 7TW.

Having considered the **Independent Remuneration Panel's** report at its meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2017 the Council has resolved to:

- Increase the annual allowance that can be claimed by its elected Town Councillors to £600 per annum for 2017/18 and to £800 pa annum from 2018/19

Any further enquires or clarification can be obtained from the Town Clerk on 01529 303456 or via [enquiries@sleaford.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@sleaford.gov.uk)

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