

Independent Remuneration Panel:

Review of Members' Allowances Scheme

Member Survey Responses – September 2021

A member survey was circulated in August 2021 to 39 councillors. 15 responses have been received and collated by Dem Services, and a percentage calculation and a brief summary of findings can be found below.

1. Reasons for becoming a councillor (please feel free to select as many options that are applicable to you):

a. Serve community	100%
b. To change things	80%
c. Political beliefs	13.33%
d. Because I was asked to	6.66%
e. Resolve an issue	6.66%
f. Other – please provide details in the box below	40%

2. Average number of hours spent on council and group business in a week?

a. 5 hours or less	0%
b. 6-10 hours	13.33%

c. 11-15 hours	6.66%
d. 16 – 20 hours	20%
e. 21 – 25 hours	13.33%
f. 26 – 30 hours	13.33%
g. 31 – 35 hours	6.66%
h. 36 – 40 hours	13.33%
i. 41 – 45 hours	6.66%
j. 46 – 50 hours	0%
k. More than 50 hours	6.66%

3. Current employment circumstances?

a. In full-time paid employment	6.66%
b. In part- time paid employment	20%
c. Self-employed	13.33%
d. Unemployed	0%
e. Retired	26.66%
f. Looking after home/family	20%

g. In full-time education	0%
h. Not working for other reason	13.33%

4. Current caring responsibilities?

a. Child/children	0%
b. Relative	0%
c. Partner	6.66%
d. Other	6.66%
e. One or more caring responsibilities	6.66%
f. No caring responsibilities	66.66%
g. No response given	13.33%