

## Suffolk County Council meeting Thursday 13 March 2025, vote taken on Agenda Item 8 Members' Allowances Scheme – Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel.

Motion – Proposed by Councillor Matthew Hicks and seconded by Councillor Andrew Stringer.

Motion text: That the Council notes the report and considers the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel with regard to:

- a) That the percentage of a councillor's work being undertaken as voluntary be amended to 40%.
- b) The Basic Allowance continues to be linked to the Local Government Pay Awards and that in the event that the pay award is in £s that the equivalent percentage as those local government staff at the top point of the NJC scale be awarded to councillors.
- c) An increase to the rates for dependent relative care from £20.00 per hour to £32.84 per hour in line with the County Council rates for home care. Plus, the inclusion that both childcare and dependent relative care rates are payable during the attendance at virtual meetings.
- d) That the allowances for co-opted members be increased to £140 per meeting plus £400 per annum 16
- e) The time for claiming expenses being increase to 3 months from the date on which it was incurred
- f) An update to the suspension of allowances to bring it in line with current available practice.
- g) In respect of the approved duties amendments to duties j, l and bullet point 3 of paragraph 16 and
- h) No other changes being made to the Member's Allowances Scheme.

Members present agreed the motion by general assent.