



TAVISTOCK TOWN COUNCIL

SCHEME FOR PAYMENT OF THE PARISH BASIC ALLOWANCE

Tavistock Town Council, in exercise of the powers contained in the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003 and having previously considered the report of the West Devon Borough Council Independent Remuneration Panel, hereby makes the following Scheme:

1. Citation and Operation

The Scheme shall be known as the Tavistock Town Council Members Parish Basic Allowance Scheme and came into operation on 12th May, 2015.

2. Meaning of Councillor

"Councillor" means an elected (not co-opted) member of Tavistock Town Council.

3. Parish Basic Allowance

A Parish Basic Allowance shall be paid to each Councillor. This sum will be £691.00 per annum in the year commencing 2nd May 2019 (equating to 15.5% of that received by Members of West Devon Borough Council). This figure will increase annually in line with the final agreed index level of 15.5% of that payable to Members of WDBC.

4. Forgoing Allowances

A Councillor may by notice in writing to the Town Clerk elect to forgo all or any part of their entitlement to an allowance under this scheme. This right must be exercised prior to 1st April in any year (5th June in an election year) and will apply for the whole of the ensuing year ending 31st March.

5. Part-Year Entitlements and Withdrawal of Allowances

(1) Where the term of office begins or ends otherwise than at the beginning or end of a year (which, for the purposes of this scheme, is the period commencing on 1st April in any year and ending on 31st March in the following year other than an election year) the entitlement of that Councillor to a Parish Basic Allowance shall be an entitlement to the payment of such proportion of the Parish Basic Allowance accrued on the basis of whole days completed or remaining in the year.

(2) Should a Councillor be suspended or partially suspended from his or her responsibilities or duties as a Councillor the proportion of the Parish Basic Allowance payable may be withheld by the Council.

(3) Where payment of the Parish Basic Allowance has been made