

ARTICLE 2 - MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

This Article sets out the composition of the Council and how Councillors are elected. The roles and functions of Councillors are set out together with their rights and duties.

1.05 Composition and eligibility

- a) **Composition:** The Council consists of 42 members, also called councillors. Councillors will be elected by the voters of each ward in accordance with a scheme drawn up by the Local Government Commission and approved by the Secretary of State.
- b) **Eligibility:** Only registered voters of the area or those living or working there will be eligible to hold the office of councillor.

1.06 Election and terms of councillors

The election of councillors usually takes place on the first Thursday in May in any election year. The terms of office of councillors will start on the fourth day after being elected and will finish on the fourth day after the date when their period of office ends. North East Lincolnshire's Councillors are elected "by thirds" (see also the Section headed "How the Council operates" in Part 1).

1.07 Roles and functions of all councillors

- a) **Key Roles** All councillors will have these key roles which are set out in more detail in the role descriptions which are included in Part 3 of this Constitution:
 - i) collectively be the ultimate policy-makers and carry out a number of strategic and corporate management functions;
 - ii) represent their communities and bring their views into the Council's decision making process, i.e. become the advocate of and for their communities;
 - iii) deal with individual casework and act as an advocate for constituents in resolving particular concerns or grievances;
 - iv) balance different interests identified within the ward or electoral division and represent the ward or electoral division as a whole;
 - v) be involved in decision making;
 - vi) be available to represent the Council on other bodies; and
 - vii) maintain the highest standards of conduct and ethics.
- b) **Rights and Duties**
 - i) Councillors will have rights of access to such documents, information, land and buildings of the Council as are necessary for the proper discharge of their functions and in accordance with the law.
 - ii) Councillors will not make public information which is confidential or exempt without the consent of the Council or divulge information given in confidence to anyone other than a councillor or officer entitled to know it.

- iii) For these purposes "confidential" and "exempt" information are defined in the Access to Information Rules in [Article 3](#) of this Constitution.

1.08 Conduct

Councillors will at all times observe the Council's Code of Conduct and the Protocol on Member/Officer Relations set out in Part 3 of this Constitution.

1.09 Allowances

Councillors will be entitled to receive allowances in accordance with the Members' Allowances Scheme set out in [Appendix 1](#) of this Article.

ARTICLE 2 – APPENDIX 1

MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES SCHEME

This Scheme was approved in December 2017 following an independent review and report submitted to the Council. The Scheme came into force on the 1st January, 2018.

The current rates per annum are as follows: -

Band A	
Leader	£22,500.00
Band B	
Deputy Leader	£16, 875.00
Band C	
Designated Cabinet Members & Portfolio Holders	£11,250.00
Band D	
Chairman of Planning Committee	£6,750.00
Band E	
Chairmen of Scrutiny Panels	£5,625.00
Band F	
Chairman of Standards and Adjudication Committee	£4,500.00
Band G	
Chairman of Licensing and Community Protection Committee	£4,500.00
Opposition Group Leaders	
For Groups of 10 members or more	£2,250.00
Co-opted Members' Allowances	
Independent Chairman of Audit and Governance Committee	£4,500.00
Co-opted Members (excluding the Chairman of the Standards & Audit Committee)	£260.00
Civic Allowances	
Mayor	£8,000.00
Deputy Mayor	£500.00
Basic Allowance (payable to all Members)	£7,999.00

Pensions

Members are no longer entitled to join the Local Government Pension Scheme.