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Just a reminder that the Independent Remuneration Panel survey of city, town and parish allowances in Wiltshire is still open.

The online survey can be found at <https://surveys.wiltshire.gov.uk/s/4t54cm>

There has been a good response so far, but the Panel would like as many councils as possible to have their say.

The survey closing date is **28 October 2024**.

Regards

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The Independent Remuneration Panel is undertaking a review of city, town, and parish allowances within the Wiltshire unitary authority area.

City, town, and parish councils can choose to pay their members an allowance, known as a 'parish basic allowance', to recognise the time and effort councillors put into their parish duties. They may also make an allowance available to its Chairman. There is no obligation on councils to pay any allowances or for councillors to accept an allowance.

No review of city, town and parish allowances has been undertaken in Wiltshire since the county became a unitary authority in 2009 and the Panel is looking to devise a standard scheme, fair to all, which towns and parishes can refer to if they wish to pay allowances.

The Panel is therefore circulating a survey to all city, towns, and parish clerks (**closing date**

28 October 2024) to understand the current position regarding allowances and to capture comments and suggestions. The Clerk or Responsible Financial Officer (RFO) can also invite the members of the authority to complete a separate response to the survey.

The survey can be found here <https://surveys.wiltshire.gov.uk/s/4t54cm>

The Panel may follow up certain responses but only from respondents who have agreed to be contacted. If respondents wish to be interviewed/meet the panel, then the panel will make every effort to meet such requests.

Please note that the Chairman of the Panel will be attending the online town & parish clerk meeting organised by Wiltshire Council on 25 September 2024 to explain the review. In the meantime, if you have any questions arising from this email then please contact Simon Bennett, Senior Scrutiny Officer, Wiltshire Council simon.bennett@wiltshire.gov.uk

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