

EXPENSES POLICY FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS AND PARTNERS

ATTENDANCE ALLOWANCE

Council Members are currently paid a daily attendance allowance of £260 when attending Council and Committee Meetings and official HPC business.

When they are sitting with Partners (e.g. on Fitness to Practice hearings or panels) or attending training with Partners, where the partners are receiving £130 attendance allowance for the day, Council Members should be entitled to claim the reduced attendance allowance level of £130.

PARTNERS' TRAVEL

The published rules for Partners' travel authorise standard class rail travel. Some partners have asked for First Class travel as this is the norm in their business life, e.g. they are entitled to it when claiming against their employers.

It is recommended that Standard Class Travel should remain the rule except where, in individual cases, for example for health reasons, demonstrable hardship would occur. In such cases First Class Travel may be permitted at the discretion of the Chief Executive or Finance Director. Each case will be taken on its merits and the granting of First Class travel to one partner will not necessarily set a precedent for another.

THE COUNCIL IS REQUESTED TO CONFIRM THE ABOVE, IF IT THINKS FIT.

