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## Councillors Tax and Benefits Guide (LGIU)

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### Overview

*Councillors' Tax and Benefits 2009* is a new LGIU publication summarising the implications on personal taxation and for social security benefits for elected members. This is a highly complex area and yet the guide is written in an easy to read plain English format. The publication revises all previous editions of this best selling guide.

It will be of interest to elected Members as well as those involved in supporting elected Members such as those in Democratic Services and Finance.

### Briefing in full

The rules on allowances, income tax, social security and pensions for councillors are complex and detailed. There is wide variation across the UK in Members' allowances and the recent changes in the tax and benefits system have an effect on councillors' 'earnings'.

The LGIU has fully revised and published its unique plain English guide on Councillors' Tax and Benefits for 2009. This publication updates all previous versions and has been authored by Bob Prew, an independent welfare rights consultant, with over 30 years experience.

This publication aims to address and equip elected members and those dealing with councillors' allowances with information and knowledge about the rights councillors have to allowances and to know about their benefit entitlements and tax allowances. It provides information about the rules and principles that affect rights to allowances, benefits and tax liability.

Copies of the publication can be obtained from Central Books, 99 Wallis Road, London, E9 5LN, email: [mo@centralbooks.com](mailto:mo@centralbooks.com) or telephone 0845 458 9910 at £20, affiliates can order copies of the publication at the discounted price of £15 and authorities wishing to publish 10 copies or more for their elected members can receive a further 20% discount.

It will be of interest to elected Members directly as well as to those officers who support Members in their authority, such as Member Support Services, Democratic Services, as well as Finance Officers dealing with Members' tax and payroll.

### Additional Information

## Covers

- Finance, Charging and trading
- Democracy, Governance, Councillor issues, Standards board, Neighbourhood governance, Regional governance, Local government information

## Question

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- [Councillors Tax and Benefits 2009 Order Form](#)

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