

MEMBERS ALLOWANCE SCHEME

2007/08

BASIC ALLOWANCE

Payable to every Councillor £4,217 per annum

SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY ALLOWANCES

Leader of the Council £13,705 per annum

Deputy Leader of the Council £9,488 per annum

Cabinet Member £8,434 per annum

Development Control Committee Chairman £3,163 per annum

Development Control Committee Vice-Chairman £1,054 per annum

Licensing Committee Chairman £2,109 per annum

Licensing Committee Vice-Chairman £703 per annum

Development & Scrutiny Panel Chairman £2,811 per annum

Development & Scrutiny Panel Vice-Chairman £937 per annum

Standards Committee Chairman £2,109 per annum

Standards Committee Vice-Chairman £1,406 per annum

Co-opted members of the Standards Committee £527 per annum

Opposition £3,163 per annum

Constitution & Accounts Committee Chairman £3,163 per annum

Constitution & Accounts Vice-Chairman £1,054 per annum

Any member entitled otherwise to more than one special responsibility allowance shall only be entitled to take one such allowance that being the highest.

Childcare and carers allowance: An allowance for child care and carers at £5.35 per hour is payable, subject to a ceiling of £1,070 per annum per Councillor, payable for approved duties.

Travelling Expenses (elected members and non-elected co-opted members)

40 pence per mile irrespective of the cc of the car

Travelling expenses are payable for the following:

1. Full Council meetings
2. Cabinet, Committee or sub Committee meetings of which a member or has been invited to attend such meeting. If not a member of the committee or not invited to attend such a meeting **no** travel expenses are payable.
3. Outside bodies to which the Council makes nominations/appointments (but not representation on school governing bodies) and has been 'sent' as a nominee of the Council.
4. Meetings in effect 'set-up' by the Council, such as working groups provided membership includes **more than** one political group or group leaders meetings.
5. Meetings of the various tiers of the Local Government Association.
6. Planning site visits as a rostered member of the Development Control Committee, not as a local representative pursuing constituency interests.
7. Seminars, conferences and similar informal meetings at the behest of Committees.
8. Other meetings 'for the Council' such as staff appointments, training seminars and meetings with officers in connection with a member's portfolio (not normal constituency business).
9. Duties, which are undertaken in connection with being a Cabinet Portfolio holder, Chairman/Vice Chairman of a DSP, Chairman/Vice Chairman of Regulatory Committees such as briefing meetings, visits & opening tenders.

Subsistence Expenses

Reimbursement of **actual costs incurred to a maximum of;**

Breakfast Allowance

An absence of at least 4 hours before 11am - £5.00

Lunch Allowance

An absence of at least 4 hours including the whole of noon to 2pm -£6.00

Tea Allowance

An absence of at least 4 hours including the whole of the period 3pm – 6pm -£2.70

Evening Meal Allowance

An absence of at least 4 hours ending after 7pm -£8.50

Overnight Absence

In the case of an absence overnight from the usual place of residence – full cost of reasonable & necessary expenses.

Additional Guidance for Subsistence Entitlement;

1. Entitlement for Subsistence applies the same as travelling expenses when claiming for duties outside the District.
2. Entitlement for Subsistence when attending the main Council Offices or within the district should only be when attending **two separate** meetings (as defined at travelling expenses numbers 1 to 8). Note number 9 duties undertaken in connection with being Cabinet portfolio holder or chairman/vice chairman of a DSP such as briefing meetings etc **do not** count for the purposes of entitlement to subsistence.
3. In the case of an absence overnight from the usual place of residence full cost of reasonable and necessary expenses are payable. With regard to meals claimed reference will be made to the normal allowances, taking account of any unavoidable captive charges. The Director of Finance & Strategic Resources will make a decision on any dispute on 'reasonable and necessary' expenses.