

MEMBERS ALLOWANCE SCHEME 2022/23

The basic Members' allowance is £5,250

Special Responsibility Allowances are as follows:

Leader of the Council	£19,750
Deputy Leader of the Council	£11,150
Leader of Main Opposition Group	£6,400
Leaders of Minority Opposition Groups	£853
Cabinet Members with Portfolios	£8,500
Chairman of Policy & Performance Improvement Committee	£8,500
Vice-Chairman of Policy & Performance Improvement Committee	£4,250
Chairman Planning Committee	£6,100
Vice-Chairman Planning Committee	£1,525
Chairman of Licensing & General Purposes Committees	£3,470
Vice-Chairman of Licensing & General Purposes Committees	£868
Chairman of Audit & Governance Committee	£6,000
Vice-Chairman of Audit & Governance Committee	£1,500

1. There is no limit as to the number of special responsibility allowances paid to individual Members.
2. For the purposes of qualifying for a special responsibility allowance a political group on the Council needs to comprise of at least four Members.
3. A childcare and dependent carers' allowance of up to £10 per hour will be payable for costs actually incurred, or more in exceptional circumstances at the discretion of the Section 151 Officer provided that it is evidenced based.
4. In the event of any part year entitlement due to elections, suspension or changes in special responsibility, payments will be subject to a daily calculation of entitlement.
5. The travel and subsistence expenses for Members be the same as the casual user rate and subsistence scheme for officers.

Further notes on travel expenses are detailed below:

- i. Members may claim for travel expenses for attending physical group meetings which are convened for district council business and held at Castle House or elsewhere in the district.
 - ii. Members can claim travel expenses for attending Castle House on council business when appropriate and meetings cannot be facilitated remotely.
 - iii. An allowance of £8 is payable to members of the Planning Committee for attending site visits.
6. Any Member may, by way of notice in writing, forgo all or part of any allowances.
7. The Basic Allowance and Special Responsibility Allowances are indexed to the annual percentage salary increase for local government staff (at spinal column 49) to be implemented from the start of the municipal year for which it is applicable.

This scheme came into effect on 17 May 2022

Notes: The following annual payments are made outside of the Members' Allowances Scheme:

Council's Appointed Independent Persons	£1,500
Chairman of the Council	£3,360
Vice-Chairman of the Council	£670