

## MEMBERS ALLOWANCES SCHEME 2021/22

The following scheme is made under powers conferred by Section 174 of the Local Government Act 1972 and the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003 (as amended) (the Regulations).

The scheme shall be cited as the Sefton Council Members' Allowances Scheme and have effect from 1 April 2021 and for subsequent years commencing on 1 April.

Increases in Members Allowances will be linked to the average pay increase given to Sefton Council employees; and the annual adjustment in Members' Allowances will be implemented for a period of four years from July 2019 in accordance with the Regulations. This does not prevent the Independent Remuneration Panel from reviewing the Scheme at any time but allows for the Scheme to continue without a full review subject to the annual adjustment being applied.

In this Scheme, "Councillor" means a Member of Sefton Council who is a Councillor.

### 1. Basic Allowance

The Basic Allowance is a flat rate sum paid to all Members. It recognises the time devoted and expenses incurred by Members in carrying out their duties.

Subject to paragraph 4 the amount allocated for 2021/22 is £9,590.40

### 2. Special Responsibility Allowance

In order to recognise additional time and expenses incurred by Councillor's who have significant additional responsibilities in carrying out their duties for Sefton Council, and subject to paragraph 4, the following Special Responsibility Allowances shall be paid:

Only one Special Responsibility Allowance is paid per Member and the allowances for 2021/22 are:

Leader of the Council	£23,705.25
Cabinet Members	£15,803.49
Party Leaders with less than Members	
Liberal Democrat Leader	£3,836.16
Conservative Group Leader	£3,836.16
Independent Group Leader	£959.04
Committee Chairs:	
Licensing and Regulatory	£9,590.40
Overview and Scrutiny	£4,795.20
Audit and Governance	£4,795.20

(Note: Party/Group Leaders with a Membership of 10 or more Members will receive a SRA of £4,795.20 – Any Party/Group Leaders with less than 10 Members will receive one tenth of £4,795.20 per Member in the Group).

### **3. Part Year Payments**

If in the course of a year, the scheme is amended or a Councillor becomes, or ceases to be a Councillor, then all allowances shall be adjusted on a pro-rata basis.

### **4. Renunciation**

A Councillor may, by giving notice in writing to the Head of Corporate Finance & ICT elect to forgo any part of their entitlements to an allowance under the Scheme.

### **5. Mayoral Allowances**

The allowance paid to the Mayor is linked to the Scheme of Members Allowances and the following shall be paid for 2021/22:

Mayor                               £14,385.60

### **6. Appointment to the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority - Transport Committee – 2021/22**

Members appointed to sit on the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority Transport Committee shall be paid a basic allowance of £5831.06.

In order to recognise additional time and expenses incurred by Councillor's who have significant additional responsibilities in carrying out their duties appointed by Sefton Council to sit on the Transport Committee, the following Special Responsibility Allowances shall be paid:

Deputy Chair of the Committee and Lead Member for Rail and Freight West Coast 250 - £10,249.31

Lead Member for Customer & Smart Ticketing - £4554.90

### **7. Travel and Subsistence**

Travel and Subsistence Allowances will be paid for travel to meetings etc **outside of the borough** which are authorised by the Council for example: -

- meetings and annual conferences of Outside Bodies to which Sefton has made appointments or nominations.
- meetings and annual conferences of Local Authority Associations of which Sefton is a member.
- meetings, conferences and other duties which have been authorised in advance by the Council, Cabinet or by a Cabinet Member.

## **8. Dependents Carers Allowance**

Members who incur additional expenses in order to arrange care for dependents may claim these expenses. This rate is based on the National Minimum Wage up to a maximum of ten hours per week.

## **9. Claims and Payments**

Payments shall be made in respect of Basic and Special Responsibility Allowances in monthly instalments on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of each month by bank transfer.

All claims for additional expenses must be accompanied by receipts and will therefore be paid in arrears directly into Members Bank Accounts.

### **Outside Bodies Approved by Council**

Liverpool City Region Combined Authority  
Liverpool City Region Combined Authority Merseytravel Committee  
Liverpool City Region Combined Authority Scrutiny Panel  
Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority  
Merseyside Police and Crime Panel  
Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority

### **Outside Bodies Approved by the Cabinet**

Aintree University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust – Council of Governors  
Ashton Memorial Fund, Formby  
British Destinations  
Committee in Common – Healthy Liverpool Programme  
Consolidated Charities of Thomas Brown and Marsh Dole  
Formby Pool Trust – Board  
Halsall Educational Foundation  
Joint Health Scrutiny Committee  
Liverpool City Region Child Poverty and Life Chances Commission  
Liverpool City Region Employment and Skills Board  
Liverpool City Region Housing and Spatial Planning Board  
Liverpool City Region Local Enterprise Partnership Board  
Liverpool John Lennon Airport Consultative Committee  
Liverpool Women's NHS Foundation Trust – Council of Governors  
Local Government Association – General Assembly  
Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust – Council of Governors  
Mersey Forest Steering Group  
Mersey Port Health Committee  
Merseyside Community Safety Partnership  
Merseyside Pensions Fund Pensions Committee  
Merseyside Playing Fields Association  
Merseyside Strategic Flood and Coastal Risk Management Partnership  
North West Boroughs Healthcare NHS Foundation – Council of Governors  
North West Older Peoples Network  
North West Reserve Forces and Cadets Association  
North Western Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority  
North Western Local Authorities Employers' Organisation  
PATROL Adjudication Joint Committee (Parking and Traffic Regulations Outside London)  
Peterhouse School, Southport – Governing Body  
Sandway Homes Limited Board (Sefton Housing Development Company)  
Sefton Coast and Landscape Partnership Board  
Sefton Council for Voluntary Service  
Sefton Cycling Forum  
Sefton Education Business Partnership

Sefton New Directions Limited Board  
Sefton Sports Council  
South Sefton Development Trust (Regenerus)  
Southport Pier Trust  
Standing Advisory Committee for Religious Education (SACRE)  
Trans Pennine Trail Members' Steering Group  
Veterans in Sefton Board