

**MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES SCHEME**

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

1.1. The scheme shall be cited as the Sefton Council Members' Allowances Scheme and have effect from 15<sup>th</sup> May 2012, and for subsequent years commencing on 1<sup>st</sup> April.

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

**2. Basic Allowance**

2.1. 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.

2.2. Subject to paragraph 4 the amount allocated per annum is £8,520

**3. Special Responsibility Allowance**

3.1 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, subject to paragraph 4 the following Special Responsibility Allowances shall be paid: Only one Special Responsibility Allowance is paid per Member.

Leader of the Council	£25,560
Other Members of the Cabinet	£17,040
Chair of Planning Committee	£8,520
Chairs of Overview & Scrutiny Committees	£4,260
Chair of Licensing and Regulatory Committee	£8,520
Chair of Audit and Governance Committee	£4,260
Political Group Leaders	£4,260

**4. 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.

**5. Renunciation**

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

## **6. Mayoral Allowances**

The allowance paid to the Mayor is linked to the Scheme of Members' Allowances and for the Municipal year 2012/2013 the following shall be paid:

Mayor                      £12,780

## **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 e.g. -

- 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. 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.

## APPENDIX A

### Outside Bodies Approved by the Cabinet and Council

Local Government Association – General Assembly  
Local Government Association – Urban Commission  
Local Government Association – Coastal Issues Special Interest Group

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#### Joint Authorities:

Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority  
Merseyside Integrated Transport Authority  
Merseyside Police Authority  
Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority

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Aintree University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust  
Ashton Memorial Fund, Formby  
British Destinations  
Clarence High School, Freshfield – Governing Body  
Community Foundation for Merseyside  
Consolidated Charities of Thomas Brown & Marsh Dole  
Formby Pool Trust – Board  
Frank Hornby Trust  
Halsall Educational Foundation  
John Gooses Charity, Lydiate  
Joint Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee  
Joint Overview and Scrutiny – Cheshire and Merseyside Vascular Service Review  
Liverpool City Region Cabinet  
Liverpool City Region Child Poverty and Life Chances Commission  
Liverpool City Region Employment and Skills Board  
Liverpool City Region Local Enterprise Partnership Board  
Liverpool John Lennon Airport Consultative Committee  
Local Solutions  
Mersey Forest Steering Group  
Mersey Port Health Committee  
Merseyside Pensions Fund Pensions Committee  
Merseyside Playing Fields Association  
Merseyside Police Authority Appointments Committee  
Merseyside Strategic Transportation Committee  
Merseyside Third Sector Technology Centre (3TC)  
North West Reserve Forces and Cadets Association  
North Western Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority  
North Western Local Authorities Employers' Organisation  
One Vision Housing Board  
PATROL Adjudication Joint Committee (Parking and Traffic Regulations Outside London)  
Peterhouse School, Southport – Governing Body  
REECH Steering Group (Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency in Housing)  
Sefton Chamber of Commerce & Industry  
Sefton Coast Partnership Board  
Sefton Council for Voluntary Service  
Sefton Cycling Forum  
Sefton Education/Business Partnership  
Sefton Equality Standing Group  
Sefton New Directions Limited Board

Sefton Sports Council  
Southport Pier– Board of Trustees  
St Mary's College, Crosby – Governing Body  
Standing Advisory Committee for Religious Education (SACRE)  
Transpennine Trail Members' Steering Group  
University of Liverpool Court