



MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES SCHEME

1. Introduction

- 1.1 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).
- 1.2 The scheme shall be cited as the Sefton Council Members' Allowances Scheme and have effect from 15 May 2013, and for subsequent years commencing on 1 April.
- 1.3 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 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.
- 1.4 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

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.

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| Leader of the Council | £25,560 |
| Cabinet Members | £17,040 |
| Party Leaders | £4,260 |
| <u>Committee Chairs</u> | |
| Planning | £8,520 |
| Licensing and Regulatory | £8,520 |
| Overview and Scrutiny | £4,260 |
| Audit and Governance | £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 & ICT 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 the following shall be paid:

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| Mayor | £12,780 |
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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. 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 £60 per week.

9. Claims and Payments

Payments shall be made in respect of Basic and Special Responsibility Allowances in monthly instalments on the 15th 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 THE COUNCIL

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

OUTSIDE BODIES APPROVED BY THE CABINET

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 and Marsh Dole
Formby Pool Trust – Board
Frank Hornby Trust
Halsall Educational Foundation
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 Housing and Spatial Planning Board
Liverpool City Region Local Enterprise Partnership Board
Liverpool City Region Local Transport Board
Liverpool John Lennon Airport Consultative Committee
Local Government Association – General Assembly
Local Government Association – Urban Commission
Local Solutions
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
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
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 and 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 Trust
St Mary's College, Crosby – Governing Body

Standing Advisory Committee for Religious Education (SACRE)
The John Goore Charity, Lydiate
Trans Pennine Trail Members' Steering Group
University of Liverpool Court