

## Sunderland City Council

### This Notice is published in accordance with the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003

The Council has received recommendations from its Independent Remuneration Panel in respect of its Members' Allowances Scheme for 2020/2021. The Panel has recommended some changes to the Scheme, a number of which are to reflect proposed new committee / governance arrangements to be implemented in the next municipal year, subject, where appropriate, to approval. The main provisions of the Scheme, to take effect from Annual Council 2020, unless otherwise stated, are summarised below.

<b>Type of Allowance</b>	<b>Amount per annum £</b>
<b>Basic Allowance</b>	8,369
<b>Special Responsibility Allowances(SRAs)</b>	
Leader of the Council	37,667
Deputy Leader of the Council	25,111
Cabinet Secretary	25,111
Cabinet Member with Service Portfolio	20,716
Deputy Cabinet Member	12,556
Leader of the Majority Group in Opposition - allowance calculated as a percentage of Leader's SRA, up to maximum of 25%.	
Leader of the second largest Group in Opposition – allowance calculated as a percentage of the Majority Opposition Group Leader's allowance, up to a maximum of 50%	
<b>Chair of the following:</b>	
Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee	12,556
Thematic Scrutiny Committee	5,179
Area Committee	10,350
Combined Regulatory / Licensing Committee	8,369
Committee combining Planning and Highways and Development Control Sub -Committee functions	6,277
<b>Vice Chair of the following:</b>	
Area Committee	6,277
Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee	6,277
Combined Regulatory / Licensing Committee	4,184
<b>Other SRAs:</b>	
Membership of Adoption and Permanency Placement Panel	4,184
Fostering Panel	4,184

### **Co-optees' Allowances** **Audit and Governance Committee**

Chairman	5,000
Independent member	2,500

### **Mayoral**

Mayoral Allowance	17,205
Deputy Mayoral Allowance	5,735

### **With effect from Annual Council 2021**

Mayoral Allowance	12,000
Deputy Mayoral	6,000

### **Carer's allowance**

Actual expenditure up to a maximum of the equivalent of the current National Living Wage or National Minimum Wage hourly rate, as appropriate, dependent upon the age of the worker. The rate applicable shall be subject to automatic increases in line with uprating of the Adult National Living Wage and National Minimum Wage.

### **Travel Allowances (for elected members and co-optees)**

Motor Cycle allowance	24p per mile
Bicycle Allowance	20p per mile
Car Allowance	45p per mile for first 10,000 mile and 25p thereafter

Passenger Supplement 5p per mile for the passenger (not exceeding 4)

The above rates match Her Majesty's Revenues and Customs authorised mileage rates and will be updated when HMRC publishes revised allowances

### **Subsistence Allowances (for elected members and co-optees)**

In the case of absence from the usual place of residence for a continuous period which exceeds 4 hours but does not involve an overnight absence, subsistence is payable as per the table set out below:

Breakfast Allowance	£6.22
Lunch Allowance	£8.55
Tea Allowance	£3.37
Evening Meal Allowance	£10.59

The subsistence rates shall be reduced as shown below in respect of meals provided free of charge by any authority or body during the period to which the allowance relates.

### **Reduction of Subsistence Allowance for Meals Provided Free of charge:**

Reduction for Breakfast provided	£6.22
Lunch provided	£8.55
Tea provided	£3.37
Dinner provided	£10.59

**Overnight Accommodation**

The allowance will not be claimable as an allowance as such, rather reasonable costs of an overnight stay (including breakfast) will be met for business class accommodation (3 star or 4 star) within and outside of London. Unless there are exceptional circumstances the Council will book the accommodation direct selecting the most economic option available and utilising the established procurement arrangements in place. Where exceptional circumstances exist, these will be approved in advance by the Executive Director of Corporate Services and reasonable costs will be reimbursed subject to submission of receipts.

Grant payable for Use of Rooms or Halls for Ward Surgeries   £15 maximum per occasion

Telephone Calls Allowance   £15 per quarter

Broadband – actual costs to be reimbursed up to a maximum of £15 per month with a contribution from each Member of £3 per month where private use is made for the facility.

Unless otherwise stated, the SRAs and co-optees' allowances referred to above are to apply from Annual Council 2020 and, where applicable, are subject to the relevant changes to the Council's governance structure being approved. In the meantime, the level of allowances paid under the 2019/2020 Scheme is recommended to continue.

The Council's Cabinet will consider the Panel's report on 19 November 2019 and will make recommendations to Council, which will be considered on 20 November 2019.

Copies of the Independent Remuneration Panel's report can be inspected at the Civic Centre, Burdon Road, Sunderland (the Council's principal office) and also at the Customer Service Centre, Fawcett Street, Sunderland, during office hours.

Copies are available free of charge. The report can also be viewed on the Council's website [www.sunderland.gov.uk](http://www.sunderland.gov.uk)

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