

## Sunderland City Council

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At its meeting on 26 January 2022, the Council considered recommendations from its Independent Remuneration Panel in respect of the Allowances Scheme for 2022/2023. The Panel recommended that the basic allowance be increased in line with the NJC pay award, however the Council resolved to leave the level of allowances unchanged. The main provisions of the Scheme adopted for 2022/2023 are summarised below.

<b>Type of Allowance</b>	<b>Amount per annum £</b>
<b>Basic Allowance</b>	8,369
<b>Special Responsibility Allowances</b>	
Leader of the Council	37,667
Deputy Leader of the Council	25,111
Cabinet Secretary	25,111
Cabinet Member with 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
Licensing and Regulatory Committee	8,369
Planning and Highways Committee	6,277
<b>Vice Chair of the following:</b>	
Area Committee	6,277
Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee	6,277
Licensing and Regulatory Committee	4,184
<b>Other Special Responsibility Allowances:</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	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

### **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 of the facility.

Copies of the Independent Remuneration Panel's report can be inspected at City Hall, Plater Way, Sunderland SR1 3AA (the Council's principal office) 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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