

MEMBERS' ALLOWANCE SCHEME

With effect from 1 April 2006, the following scheme of Members Allowances will be increased annually on 1st April, indexed linked to the pay increase awarded to staff by the National Joint Council for Local Government Services :-

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BASIC ALLOWANCES (Payable to all Councillors)	5420
 SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY ALLOWANCES	
Tier 1 Leader of the Council	6504
Tier 2 Cabinet Members & Leader of the major minority group	4552
Tier 3 Chairs of Scrutiny, Planning Applications and Licensing Committees and the Leader of any minority group that comprises minimum of 10% of the Council	2278
Tier 4 Members of Planning Applications, Regulatory and Licensing Committees	1302
Tier 5 Chair and Vice Chair of Standards Committee (Co-opted)	326
o <i>Only one SRA to be paid from Tiers 1, 2 and 3</i>	
o <i>Up to three SRAs to be paid from Tier 4 except that a Councillor shall not get a Tier 3 allowance as Chair as well as a Tier 4 allowance as a member of the same committee.</i>	

Travel and Subsistence Allowances

To be paid at the same rates as Norwich City Council employees and be subject to the same requirements for claims and payments. The current levels are:-

Travel Allowances

All vehicles – 40.5p per mile

Travel outside Norwich – rail tickets or hire car to be booked by Travel Unit. If own vehicle used, expenses paid will be equivalent to cost of 2nd class rail ticket (to be agreed in advance with the Senior Committee Officer (Members Support))

Subsistence Allowances

Breakfast	£6.97 (£5.93 with non VAT receipt)
Lunch	£9.61 (£8.18 with non VAT receipt)
Tea	£3.80 (£3.23 with non VAT receipt)
Evening Meal	£11.88 (£10.11 with non VAT receipt)

Out of Pocket Allowance

(For personal incidental expenses when staying overnight – receipts not required))

Per Night	£4.59
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Overnight Subsistence

Hotels to be booked by Travel Unit on basis of best deal available taking into account the needs of the councillor and the event attended.

Childcare and Dependant Carers Allowance

To be paid at the rate of £8.00 per hour per child etc.

(The Head of Law and Governance to be authorised to make additional payment in cases where specialist care is required)

Membership of the Local Government Pension Scheme is not available as part of this Members Allowances Scheme

The Independent Panel to be reconvened no later than 4 years after the implementation of the scheme.

Civic Allowances

(For Information only - not covered by the Local Authorities (Members Allowances) (England) Regulations, 2003)

Lord Mayor	-	£6,588
Sheriff	-	£3,294