EXETER CITY COUNCIL

PROPOSED MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES SCHEME 2009/10

	08/09 £	*09/10 £	
Basic Allowance			
Payable to all Councillors	4430	4539	
**Special Responsibility Allowances:-			
Leader (basic x 300%)	13,290	13,617	
Other Executive members with portfolios (basic x 150%) (x 5)	6,645	6,809	each
Other Executive members without portfolios (basic x 50%) (x 3)	2,215	2,270	each
Chairs of Scrutiny Committees (basic x 100%) (x 3)	4,430	4,539	each
Chair of Planning Committee (basic x 100%) (x 1)	4,430	4,539	
Chair of Licensing Committee (basic x 50%) (x 1)	2,215	2,270	
Independent Chair of Standards Committee (basic x 25%) (x 1)	1,108	1,135	

* incorporating proposed 2.45% increase, payable with effect from 1 April 2009

** any member qualifying for more than one Special Responsibility Allowance is paid the higher allowance only

Dependants' Carers' Allowance

An allowance in line with the minimum wage (currently £5.73 per hour) is payable to Councillors whilst on "approved duties", in accordance with the agreed scheme (see overleaf)

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Dependants' Carers' Allowance Scheme

An allowance of up to £5.73 per hour (pro rata for part of an hour) may be claimed in respect of expenses incurred by a Councillor when a carer for a dependent has been engaged to enable a councillor to carry out an approved duty.

A carer will be any responsible person who does not normally live with the councillor as part of that councillor's family.

An allowance will be payable if the dependant being cared for:

- is a child under the age of 14
- is an elderly person; or
- has a recognised physical or mental disability

who normally lives with the councillor as part of that councillor's family and should not be left unsupervised.

Qualifying duties are defined as meetings of the Council, its Committees and Sub-Committees, training events, briefings and such other duties as are specified by the relevant regulations^{*}.

For meetings or duties within the Council's boundaries, the allowance will be paid for the duration of the meeting or otherwise approved duty plus an allowance for up to one hour's total travelling time before and after the meeting.

The actual cost of care will be reimbursed, up to a maximum of £5.73 per hour.

This allowance will be updated annually in line with the minimum wage.

*Payment of allowance will be made under the powers of Section 100 of the Local Government Act 2000 and Section 7 of Part 2 of the Local Authorities (Members Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003.