

MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES SCHEME 2025/26

Allowances payable to Members of Exeter City Council were agreed at the Executive on 3 December 2024 and Council on 17 December 2024 for the 2025/26 period.

Please see below the Allowance payable to Members with effect 1 April 2025.

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Basic Allowance	
All Members	7,070.
 *Special Responsibility Allowances:-	
Leader (basic x 325%)	22,979
Leader of an Opposition Group	(See ** below)
Other Executive Members with Portfolios (basic x 175%) (up to x 9)	12,373
Other Executive Member without Portfolio (if appointed) (basic x 25%)	1,767
 Chairs of Scrutiny Committees (basic x 100%) (x 2)	7,070
Deputy Chair of Scrutiny Committee(basic x 50%)(x 2)	3,535
Chair of Planning Committee (basic x 100%) (x 1)	7,070
Deputy Chair of Planning Committee (basic x 50%) (x1)	3,535
Chair of Licensing Committee (basic x 75%) (x 1)	5,302
Chair of Audit and Governance Committee (basic x 50%) (x 1)	3,535
Chair of Council Housing and Development Advisory Board (basic x 50%) (x1) from the HRA	3,535
Member Champions (basic x 25% (x1)	1,767
*Chair of Exeter Harbour Board	1,767
Chair of Scrutiny Programme Board	1,767
 * <i>Any Member qualifying for more than one Special Responsibility Allowance is paid the higher allowance only</i>	
 ** <i>The Leader of an Opposition group will receive an allowance based on the size of the political group, ranging from 20 to 60% of the size of the Group (See scheme on web site)</i>	
 Lord Mayor's Expenses Allowances	7,070
Deputy Lord Mayor Mayor's Allowances	1,767

Travel and expenses

To match those payable to officers of the Council for any approved duties undertaken, with travel expenses being paid for any journeys undertaken outside of the city boundaries.

Dependants' Carers' Allowance Scheme

An allowance matching Exeter City Council's hourly Living Wage as applicable from April of each year (together with the retention of the uplift of the standard rate of income tax). In the case of members who need specialist care for a child or adult dependant, a higher rate, of up to £25 per hour or part thereof, can be agreed by negotiation in advance with the Democratic Services Manager.

A carer will be any responsible person who does not normally live with the Member as part of that Member'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 Member as part of that Member'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 the Council's hourly Living 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.*

1 April 2025