

## MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES SCHEME 2026/27

Allowances payable to Members of Exeter City Council were agreed by Council on 13 January 2026 for the 2026/27 period.

Please see below the Allowance payable to Members with effect 1 April 2026.

| Basic Allowance | £     |
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| All Members     | 7,296 |

| *Special Responsibility Allowances:-                                  | £              |
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| Leader (basic x 325%)                                                 | 23,714         |
| Deputy Leader uplift (Portfolio Holder + Basic x 25%)                 | 1,344          |
| Leader of an Opposition Group                                         | (See ** below) |
| Other Executive Members with Portfolios<br>(basic x 175%) (up to x 9) | 12,769         |
| Other Executive Member without Portfolio (if appointed)               | 1,824          |

| *Special Responsibility Allowances:-                                                    | £     |
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| Chairs of Scrutiny Committees (basic x 100%) (x 2)                                      | 7,296 |
| Deputy Chair of Scrutiny Committee(basic x 50%)(x 2)                                    | 3,648 |
| Chair of Planning Committee (basic x 100%)<br>(x 1)                                     | 7,296 |
| Deputy Chair of Planning Committee (basic x 50%) (x1)                                   | 3,648 |
| Chair of Licensing Committee (basic x 75%) (x 1)                                        | 5,472 |
| Chair of Audit and Governance Committee (basic x 50%) (x 1)                             | 3,648 |
| Deputy Chair Audit and Governance (basic x 25%)                                         | 1,824 |
| Chair of Council Housing and Development Advisory Board (basic x 50%) (x1) from the HRA | 3,648 |
| *Chair of Exeter Harbour Board (basic x 25% (x1)                                        | 1,824 |
| Member Champions (basic x 25% (x2)                                                      | 1,824 |
| Chair of Scrutiny Programme Board                                                       | 1,824 |

| Lord Mayor and Deputy Lord Mayor Allowances | £     |
|---------------------------------------------|-------|
| Lord Mayor's Expenses Allowances            | 7,296 |
| Deputy Lord Mayor Mayor's Allowances        | 1,824 |

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| <p>* Any Member qualifying for more than one Special Responsibility Allowance is paid the higher allowance only</p> |
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| <p>** The Leader of an Opposition group will receive an allowance based on the size of the political group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Group of <b>two</b> to receive an allowance equivalent to 20% of the basic allowance</li> <li>• A Group of <b>between three and five</b> to receive an allowance equivalent to 50% of the basic allowance</li> <li>• A Group of <b>six or more</b>, to receive an allowance equivalent to 60% of the basic allowance</li> </ul> |
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(Amended April 2026)

## **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 2026**