

MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES SCHEME 2025/26

Basic Allowance	2024/25 +4% Current	2025/26 +4% Proposed	2025/26 CPI +1.7% Comparison
All Members	£ 6,798	£ 7,070	£ 6,914

*Special Responsibility Allowances:-			
Leader (basic x 325%)	22,095	22,979	22,471
Leader of an Opposition Group **			
Other Executive Members with Portfolios (Basic x 175%) (x up to 9)	11,897	12,373	12,099
Executive Member without Portfolio (if appointed)	1,699	1,767	1,728
Chairs of Scrutiny Committees (basic x 100%) (x 2)	6,798	7,070	6,914
Deputy Chair of Scrutiny Committee (basic x 50%)(x 2)	3,399	3,535	3,457
Chair of Planning Committee (basic x 100%) (x 1)	6,798	7,070	6,914
Deputy Chair of Planning Committee (basic x 50%) (x1)	3,399	3,535	3,457
Chair of Licensing Committee (basic x 75%) (x 1)	5,098	5,302	5,185
Chair of Audit and Governance Committee (basic x 50%) (x 1)	3,399	3,535	3,457
Chair of Council Housing and Development Advisory Board (basic x 50%) (x1) from the HRA	3,399	3,535	3,457
Chair of Harbour Board (basic x 25%) (x 1)	1,699	1,767	1,728
Member Champions (basic x 25%) (x0)	1,699	1,767	1,728
Chair of Scrutiny Programme Board (basic x 25%) (x1)	1,699	1,767	1,728

* Any Member qualifying for more than one Special Responsibility Allowance is paid the higher allowance only

- ** 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
- A Group of two to receive an allowance equivalent to 20% of the basic allowance
 - A Group of between three and five to receive an allowance equivalent to 50% of the basic allowance
 - A Group of six or more, to receive an allowance equivalent to 60% of the basic allowance

Lord Mayor's Expenses Allowances	6,798	7,070	6,914
Deputy Lord Mayor Mayor's Allowances	1,699	1,767	1,728

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 towards the care of Dependants will be made available matching Exeter City Council's hourly Living Wage as applicable from April of each year, 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.

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; 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 of up to one hour's total travelling time before and after the meeting.

**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.*