

Tyne & Wear Fire and Rescue Authority

Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003

In January 2018, following receipt of a report from its Independent Remuneration Panel, the Authority agreed an Allowances Scheme for 2018/2019, the main provisions of which are summarised below. At its meeting to be held on 18 March 2019, the Authority will consider whether to apply the Scheme for the year 2019/2020.

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Basic Allowance	2,500
Special Responsibility Allowances (SRAs)	
Chairman	12,798
Vice Chairman	10,000
Chairman – Human Resources Committee	6,399
Leader of Majority Party in Opposition	3,200

Where there is no single majority party in opposition and there is equal representation of any opposition parties on the Authority, the allowance payable to the Leader of the majority party in opposition shall be shared equally between the Leaders of the parties who are so represented.

Co-optees' Allowances

Governance Committee Chair	3,296
Independent Members	1,648

Carers' Allowance up to a maximum per hour as accords with the National Living Wage or National Minimum Wage as appropriate.

Travel, Accommodation and Subsistence Allowances

Travel

Car Allowance	45p per mile for first 10,000 miles and 25p thereafter.
Passenger Supplement	5p per mile for the Passenger (not exceeding 4)
Motor Cycle Allowance	24p per mile
Bicycle Allowance	20p per mile

The above rates match Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC) authorised mileage rates and will be updated when HMRC publishes revised rates.

Overnight Accommodation

The allowance will not be claimable as an allowance as such, rather reasonable costs of an overnight stay (including breakfast) will be met for business class accommodation (3 or 4 star) within and outside of London. Unless there are exceptional circumstances the Authority will book the accommodation direct selecting the most economic option available and utilising the established procurement arrangements in place. Where exceptional circumstances exist, these will be approved in advance by the Finance Officer and reasonable costs will be reimbursed subject to submission of receipts.

Subsistence Allowance

In the case of absence from the usual place of residence for a continuous period which exceeds 4 hours but does not involve an overnight absence, subsistence is payable as follows:

Breakfast Allowance	£6.15
Lunch Allowance	£8.46
Tea Allowance	£3.33
Evening Meal Allowance	£10.48

Copies of the Panel report can be inspected at Fire Brigade Headquarters, Nissan Way, Sunderland, Tyne and Wear, SR5 3QY and at Sunderland City Council, Civic Centre, Burdon Road, Sunderland during normal office hours. Copies are also available free of charge. The report can also be viewed on www.twfire.gov.uk and www.sunderland.gov.uk.

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