

STEVENAGE BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES SCHEME

EFFECTIVE FROM 1 April 2006 to 31 March 2007

Stevenage Borough Council has made the following Members' Allowances scheme under the Local Government Act 2000 and the Local Authorities (Member's Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003.

1. This scheme may be cited as the Stevenage Borough Council Members' Allowances Scheme, and shall have effect for the year 1 April 2006 to 31 March 2007.

2. In this scheme,

“Councillor” means a Member of the Stevenage Borough Council who is a Councillor;

“year” means the period ending on 31 March 2007.

3. Basic Allowance

A basic allowance shall be paid to each Councillor from 1 April.

4. Special Responsibility Allowances

- 1) For each year a special responsibility allowance shall be paid to those Councillors who hold the special responsibilities in relation to the authority that are specified in the schedule to this scheme.

- 2) Subject to paragraph 6, (part year entitlements) the amount of each such allowance shall be the amount specified against that special responsibility in that schedule.

- 3) Members are only able to claim one SRA.

5. Renunciation

A Councillor may by notice in writing to the Chief Executive elect to forego any part of their entitlement to an allowance under this scheme.

6. Part-year Entitlements

Payment of Basic and Special Responsibility Allowances will be pro-rata where Councillors do not serve for a full year on the Council.

7. Payments

Payments shall be made on a regular monthly basis. Claims for dependent carer's allowances and travel and subsistence allowance shall be made within two months of being incurred.

8. Suspension of Payments

The Council will withhold all allowances to any Councillor who is suspended for misconduct and will require Councillors to repay any allowance already paid during a period of suspension.

Basic Allowances and Special Responsibility Allowances

Basic Allowance	Paid to All Members	£6,864
(i)	Scale I Leader of the Council	£15,921
(ii)	Scale II Cabinet – Executive Committee Members + Chair of Scrutiny Overview Committee + Chair of Licensing and General Purposes Committee + Chair of Planning and Development	£9,663
(iii)	Scale III Chairs of Scrutiny/Review Panels	£7,674
(iv)	Scale IV Chairs of Joint Local Committees	£4,548

Payment to Specific Co-opted Members

Independent Standards Committee Chairman	£1,323
Independent Standards Committee other Member	£1,059

Carer's Allowance

The following amounts may be claimed for Councillors attending approved duties.

Childcare	Maximum of £5.30 per hour
Dependant care	Maximum of £9.00 per hour

Payment to relatives will not be admissible and there will be a maximum allowance of 20 hours per month. Receipts will need to be provided.

Travel, Subsistence and Other Allowances

The allowances for travel and subsistence will be the same as those fixed for employees of the Council from time to time.

Indexation of Allowances

Basis Allowances, Special Responsibility Allowances and payments to specific co-opted members referred to above will be increased by the appropriate amount of the annual NJC pay award to Local Government staff (i.e. the appropriate amount being the increase agreed for the particular NJC staff spinal column salary point on which the particular Member Allowance is based). However, these indexation arrangements will continue only until 2006/07, insofar as the Council's management and committee structures remain broadly unchanged.