



MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES SCHEME **SEFTON COUNCIL**

The following scheme is made under powers conferred by – Section 174 of the Local Government Act 1972 – Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003

1.1. The scheme shall be cited as the Sefton Council Members' Allowances Scheme and have effect from 1st April 2009, and for subsequent years commencing on 1st April.

1.2. In this Scheme, "Councillor" means a Member of Sefton Council who is a Councillor.

2. Basic Allowance

2.1. The Basic Allowance is a flat rate sum paid to all Members. It recognises the time devoted and expenses incurred by Members in carrying out their duties.

2.2. Subject to paragraph 4 the amount allocated per annum is £8,880

3. Special Responsibility Allowance

3.1 In order to recognise additional time and expenses incurred by Councillor's who have significant additional responsibilities in carrying out their duties for Sefton Council, subject to paragraph 4, the following Special Responsibility Allowances shall be paid:

Leader of the Council	£26,640	
Party Leaders (with Cabinet position)	£22,200	
Other Members of the Cabinet	£17,760	
Chair of Planning Committee	£8,880	
Chairs of Scrutiny and Review Committees	£4,440	
Chair of Licensing and Regulatory Committee	£8,880	
Chair of Audit and Governance Committee	£4,440	
Party Spokespersons for Cabinet & Planning Portfolio	£4,440	
Waste Disposal Authority - Spokesperson	£2,220	
Waste Disposal Authority - Chair	£8,880	
Members of Licensing Sub Committee	£35.00	Daily Rate
Members of Planning Visiting Panel	£35.00	Daily Rate
Members of Adoption Panel	£35.00	Daily Rate
Members of Fostering Panel	£35.00	Daily Rate

4. Part Year Payments

If in the course of a year, the scheme is amended or a Councillor becomes, or ceases to be a Councillor, then all allowances shall be adjusted on a pro-rata basis.

5. Renunciation

A Councillor may by notice in writing given to the Finance Director elect to forgo any part of their entitlements to an allowance under the Scheme.

6. Mayoral Allowances

The allowances paid to the Mayor and Deputy are linked to the Scheme of Members Allowances and for the Municipal year 2009/10 the following shall be paid:

Mayor	£13,320
Deputy Mayor	£ 4,440

7. Travel and Subsistence

Travel and Subsistence Allowances will be paid for travel to meetings etc outside of the borough which are authorised by the Council e.g. -

- meetings and annual conferences of Outside Bodies to which Sefton has made appointments or nominations.
- meetings and annual conferences of Local Authority Associations of which Sefton is a member.
- meetings, conferences and other duties which have been authorised in advance by the Council, Cabinet or by a Cabinet Member in consultation with party spokespersons and to which representatives of more than one political party have been invited.

8. Claims and Payments

Payments shall be made in respect of Basic and Special Responsibility Allowances in monthly instalments on the 15th day of each month by bank transfer.

All claims for additional expenses must be accompanied by receipts and will therefore be paid in arrears directly into Members Bank Accounts.