

MEMBERS ALLOWANCES SCHEME

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The basic Members' allowance is £5,750

Special Responsibility Allowances are as follows:

Leader of the Council	21,692.00
Deputy Leader of the Council	12,239.00
Leader of Main Opposition Group	9,329.00
Leaders of Minority Opposition Groups	1,085.00
Cabinet Members with Portfolios	9,329.00
Chair of Policy & Performance Improvement Committee	9,329.00
Vice-Chair of Policy & Performance Improvement Committee	2,332.00
Chair of Planning Committee	9,329.00
Vice-Chair of Planning Committee	2,332.00
Chair of Licensing Committee	3,808.00
Vice-Chair of Licensing	949.00
Chair of Audit & Accounts Committee	5,423.00
Vice-Chair of Audit & Accounts Committee	1,356.00
Chair of Governance, General Purposes & LGR Committee	5,423.00
Vice-Chair of Governance, General Purposes & LGR Committee	1,356.00

1. For the purposes of qualifying for a Main Opposition Group Leader or Minority Opposition Group special responsibility allowance a political group on the Council needs to comprise of at least four Members. The Main Opposition Group is the largest Group for which no Member is a Cabinet Member with Portfolio, Leader or Deputy Leader. A Minority Opposition Group is any other Group.
2. A childcare allowance of an hourly rate up to a maximum level of the National Living Wage will be payable for costs actually incurred, or more in exceptional circumstances at the discretion of the Section 151 Officer provided that it is evidenced based.
3. An elderly/other care allowance is payable at the hourly rate charged by Nottinghamshire County Council Social Services for a Home Help Carer.
4. In the event of any part year entitlement due to elections, suspension or changes in special responsibility, payments will be subject to a daily calculation of entitlement.
5. The travel and subsistence expenses for Members be the same as the casual user rate and subsistence scheme for officers.

Further notes on travel expenses are detailed below:

- i. Members may claim for travel expenses for attending physical group meetings which are convened for district council business and held at Castle House or elsewhere in the district.
 - ii. Members can claim travel expenses for attending Castle House on council business when appropriate and meetings cannot be facilitated remotely.
 - iii. An allowance of £15 per month to be paid automatically to all Members of the Planning Committee, excluding the Chair and Vice-Chair.
6. Any Member may, by way of notice in writing, forgo all or part of any allowances.
7. The Basic Allowance and Special Responsibility Allowances are indexed to the annual percentage salary increase for local government staff (at spinal column 45) to be implemented from the start of the municipal year for which it is applicable.

This scheme came into effect on 19 May 2026

Notes: The following annual payments are made outside of the Members' Allowances Scheme:

Council's Appointed Independent Persons	£1,500
Chair of the Council	£3,360
Vice-Chair of the Council	£670