

DOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL

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

Notice is hereby given by Dover District Council (the Council) pursuant to Regulation 16(1) of the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003 that following consideration of recommendations from an Independent Remuneration Panel the Council has resolved to make its Members' Allowances Scheme for the financial year commencing 1st April 2026 and ending 31 March 2027.

In making its Members' Allowances Scheme the Council considered the recommendations of the East Kent Joint Independent Remuneration Panel. The Council resolved to make no changes to the allowance levels from 2025/26.

Details of the approved Basic Allowance, Special Responsibility Allowances (SRA) are set out below:

Column 1 (Description)	Column 2 (Amount £ p.a.)
Basic Allowance	
Basic Allowance	5,000.00
Special Responsibility Allowances	
Leader of the Council	18,000.00
Deputy Leader of the Council	9,000.00
Other Cabinet Members	6,750.00
Chairman of Overview and Scrutiny Committee	4,500.00
Chairman of the Planning Committee	4,500.00
Chairman of the Governance Committee	4,500.00
Chairman of the Regulatory Committee	1,125.00
Chairman of the Licensing Committee	1,125.00
Chairman of the Dover Joint Transportation Board	1,125.00
Chairman of the General Purposes Committee	1,125.00
Vice-Chairman of Overview and Scrutiny Committee	1,125.00
Vice-Chairman of the Planning Committee	1,125.00
Vice-Chairman of the Governance Committee	1,125.00
Vice-Chairman of the Regulatory Committee	281.00
Vice-Chairman of the Licensing Committee	281.00
Vice-Chairman of the Dover Joint Transportation Board	281.00
Vice-Chairman of the General Purposes Committee	281.00
Leader of the Main Opposition Group (10 or more members)	5,061.00
Leader of an Opposition Group (5 to 9 members)	232.00
Leader of an Opposition Group with less than 5 members	0.00
Deputy Leader of the Main Opposition Group (10 or more members)	2,250.00
Deputy Leader of an Opposition Group (less than 10 members)	0.00
Members of the Shadow Cabinet	2,250.00
Members of the Licensing Committee	315.00

Special Responsibility Allowances are not cumulative. If a councillor holds more than one position attracting an SRA is held only the highest applicable allowance will be paid.

The Members' Allowance Scheme makes provision for a Dependant Carers' Allowance to be paid as reimbursement of the level of actual expenditure incurred.

Travel and subsistence allowances may be paid for any duty undertaken as a councillor that falls under the list of approved duties contained within the Scheme.

Minimum Journey Time	Maximum amount of meal allowance
5 hours absence	£5
10 hours absence	£10
15 hours (and ongoing at 8pm)	£25

Subsistence claims will only be paid where the Member is required to travel outside of the East Kent districts of Dover, Canterbury, Folkestone & Hythe and Thanet.

Travel Allowances	
Public Transport	Reimbursed on the provision of receipts For journeys outside Kent the second-class rail fare is paid
Car	45 pence per mile Where a Member takes as a passenger another Member or person to whom a travelling allowance would otherwise be paid, the Member may claim an extra 1p per passenger (not exceeding 4) per mile.
Bicycle	20 pence per mile
Motorcycles (all cylinder capacities)	24 pence per mile
Taxi	Reimbursed on the provision of receipts
Incidental Expenses (e.g. car parking charges)	Reimbursed on the provision of receipts

The Members' Allowance Scheme is available for inspection on the Council's website at www.dover.gov.uk and by members of the public during normal office hours at Democratic Services, Dover District Council, White Cliffs Business Park, Whitfield, Kent CT16 3PJ.

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