

ST HELENS COUNCIL MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES – 2014-2015

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

The Scheme is intended to recognise the time commitment of Councillors, and is designed to ensure Members are not placed at a financial disadvantage whilst serving the residents of St Helens. All Councillors receive a standard basic allowance to cover basic duties and all Council business travel within the Borough. In addition, there are a number of Special Responsibility Allowances to reflect additional responsibilities.

The amounts currently payable in respect of each allowance mentioned in the Scheme are as follows:-

SCHEDULE

MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES

	Annual Allowance (2014/2015)	£
	to December 2014	From January 2015
Basic Allowance	7,461	7,626
Special Responsibilities		
Leader of the Council	32,325	33,036
Deputy Leader of the Council (i)	18,030	18,426
Opposition Leader (ii)	4,725	4,830
Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Commission	7,461	7,626
Chairs of Overview and Scrutiny Panels	4,725	4,830
Opposition Deputy Leader (iii)	1,491	1,524
Minority Opposition Leader (iv)	1,491	1,524
Cabinet Members	14,919	15,246
Chair of Planning Committee	7,461	7,626
Chair of Licensing and Environmental Protection Committee	7,461	7,626
Mayor	7,461	7,626
Deputy Mayor	744	762

Member of Waste Disposal Authority	4,725	4,830
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(unless also the Chairman of the Authority, when the figure is £6,213, (£6,348 from 1.1.15)) (v)

(i) There was no Deputy Leader in 2014/15

(ii) Opposition Leader is the Main Opposition Leader (provided that the largest Opposition Group holds at least 15% (rounded up) of the seats on Council)

(iii) There was no Opposition Deputy Leader in 2014/15

(iv) Other Opposition Leaders (provided that a Group has three or more Members)

(v) The representative was not Chairman in 2014/15

The responsibilities of those in receipt of special responsibility allowance are more particularly described in the Scheme.

The scheme also provides that travelling and subsistence allowance is payable in the following circumstances only:-

- 1) Official visits and opening ceremonies where these take place outside of the Borough;
- 2) Conferences, seminars and training provided these are held outside the Borough; and
- 3) Outside Bodies (on the approved list as determined from time to time) where meetings are held outside the Borough.

In making the Scheme the Council has complied with its duty to have regard to the recommendations of an independent remuneration panel.

A copy of the Scheme and a copy of a record of payments made in accordance with the Scheme is available for inspection by members of the public during normal office hours between Monday to Friday at the Town Hall, St Helens.

The Special Responsibility (SRA) and Basic Allowances are shown as gross amounts, but the allowances are subject to Income Tax and National Insurance Contributions, and therefore Members receive a net amount.

The following statement shows the payments that have been paid by St Helens Council during 2014-2015.

In some cases the actual payments amount to less than the full allowance, this may indicate that payments have been made for part of the year only.

Councillor		Basic	SRA	Car Mileage	Public Transport	Subsistence
ANDERTON	Passed Away 4 February 2015	6344.82				
ALMOND		7502.34				
AYRES		7502.34				
BAINES		7502.34				
BANKS CD	Chair of Licensing	7502.34	3825.92			
BANKS J		7502.34				
BELL	from May 2014	6379.14				
BOWDEN	Mayor to June 2014 Cabinet Member from June 2014	7502.34	13540.32		11.00	11.59
BURNS	Chair of Commission	7502.34	6966.52			
CROSS	Cabinet Member to June 2014	7502.34	2921.66			
CUNLIFFE	Merseyside Recycling and Waste Authority	7502.34	4751.25			
DE'ASHA	Chair of Regen Scrutiny	7502.34	4751.25			
DEAKIN		7502.34				
DYER		7502.34				
FLETCHER	Cabinet Member	7502.34	15000.84			
FULHAM	Merseytravel	7502.34	4524.27			
GLOVER L	Cabinet Member	7502.34	15000.84		30.00	
GLOVER S	Chair of Planning	7502.34	7502.34		41.40	
GOMEZ ASPRON	Cabinet Member	7502.34	15000.84			
GRUNEWALD	Leader	7502.34	32502.84	400.73	175.50	56.05
HALLIWELL		7502.34				
HARGREAVES	Chair of ASCH	7502.34	5287.07			
HAW		7502.34				
IRELAND		7502.34				
JACKSON J		7502.34				
JACKSON P	from May 2014	6379.14				
JOHNSON A	Cabinet Member	7502.34	15000.84			
JOHNSON J		7502.34				
JONES	Minority Group Leader	7502.34	1207.33			
LYNCH	Chair of Safer Comm Scrutiny to June 2014	7502.34	925.32			
MALONEY		7502.34				
MCCAULEY	Cabinet Member	7502.34	15000.84			
MCDONNELL		7502.34				
MCQUADE		7502.34				
MURPHY	Cabinet Member	7502.34	15000.84		45.10	16.76
MUSSELL	from May 2014	6379.14				
NICHOLS		7502.34				
PEARL	Mayor 2014/15	7502.34	6186.91			
PEARSON	Cabinet Member	7502.34	15000.84			
PRESTON C	Chair of Safer Comm Scrutiny	7502.34	3825.93			
PRESTON L	from May 2014	6379.14				
QUINN	Merseytravel (MT)	7502.34	12476.56		633.60 (MT)	2.70(MT)
RIMMER	Chair of Audit and Financial Mon	7502.34	3825.93			
ROBERTS		7502.34				
ROBINSON		7502.34				
SEDDON	Chair of CYPS	7502.34	4751.25			
SHIELDS	Chair of Licensing to June 2014	7502.34	923.63			
SIMS	Chair of Audit to June 2015. Minority Group Leader	7502.34	2132.65			