

Essex County Council Member Allowances 2015/16

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Introduction

Under the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003 a local authority shall make a scheme in accordance with the regulations which shall provide for the payment of an allowance in respect of each year to each member of the authority. This is known as the Basic Allowance.

The regulations provide that the scheme (the Members Allowance Scheme) may also provide for the payment of a Special Responsibility Allowance (and 'SRA') to members who have allocated to them special responsibilities as defined in the Members Allowance Scheme.

The regulations also permit schemes to provide for a Carer's Allowance, a Co-Optees Allowance and a Travel and Subsistence Allowance. The Members Allowance Scheme for ECC has been agreed by the Council and provides for all of these types of allowances in certain circumstances i.e. when carrying out Approved Duties, as defined in the Constitution.

The Members Allowance Scheme therefore permits the following allowances to be paid to members:

- Basic Allowance
- Special Responsibility Allowance
- Dependent Carer's Allowance
- Travel and Subsistence Allowance.

Regulation 19 requires the Council to have regard to recommendations made to it by an Independent Remuneration Panel before amending its Members Allowance Scheme. In October 2015 a Panel was convened to consider the Essex Scheme. Recommendations were submitted to the Council for consideration in October and were implemented from 1 January 2016.

Regulations 15 requires the Council to maintain records of every allowance paid to its members and, at the end of each year, to publish the total sum paid to each member in respect of each of the above types of allowance. Accordingly, the amounts paid to each member under the above categories are shown in the table at the end of this report. It should be noted that the figures are a summation of nine months of the previous Scheme and three months of the revised Scheme. Full details of the current Scheme of Allowances and permissible expenses are published online as part of the Constitution.

Until 1 January 2016 the Constitution stated that when attending at County Hall to undertake Approved Duties, members would be provided with a meal and non-alcoholic drink in the Members' Lounge or Essex Restaurant in accordance with arrangements approved from time to time, in lieu of payment of subsistence allowance in respect of that attendance. The Constitution stated that the cost of the meal would be included in the annual figure for each Member's subsistence for publication and so is also shown in the table. Draft figures were circulated to members to allow them to check for accuracy.

Because the arrangement whereby members were provided with a meal in lieu of subsistence when attending County Hall ceased on 1 January 2016 the figures attributed to each member in respect of member dining reflect the signed record in the dining register for a period of nine months only from 1 April 2015 to 31 December 2015.

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First Name	Last Name	Basic Allowance*	Special Responsibility Allowance**	Mileage & Parking	Fares	Subsistence	Carers Allowance	Total Allowances and Expenses 2015/16	Value of Meals Taken in lieu of subsistence
James	Abbott	11,624.97	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,624.97	£0.00
John	Aldridge	11,624.97	10,829.97	1,110.35	35.55	0.00	0.00	23,600.84	£274.52
William	Archibald	11,624.97	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,624.97	£6.95
Barry	Aspinell	11,624.97	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,624.97	£25.39
Susan	Barker	11,624.97	13,031.22	1,773.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	26,429.29	£290.00
Rodney	Bass	11,499.96	34,250.76	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	45,750.72	£577.38
Alan	Bayley	11,624.97	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,624.97	£0.00
Kevin	Bentley	11,499.96	38,921.28	4,972.75	22.90	0.00	0.00	55,416.89	£196.65
Dave	Blackwell	11,624.97	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,624.97	£9.95
Keith	Bobbin	11,624.97	0.00	1,800.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	13,425.42	£49.69
Robert	Boyce	11,624.97	13,105.35	104.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	24,834.72	£154.95
Anne	Brown	11,499.96	34,250.76	4,908.75	83.65	0.00	0.00	50,743.12	£419.89
Malcolm	Buckley	11,624.97	13,031.22	247.95	0.00	0.00	0.00	24,904.14	£61.60
Graham	Butland	11,565.81	12,317.01	812.75	65.00	0.00	0.00	24,760.57	£106.30
Stephen	Canning	11,624.97	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,624.97	£36.80
Jenny	Chandler	11,624.97	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,624.97	£81.50
Penelope	Channer	11,624.97	12,730.35	2,679.25	129.20	0.00	0.00	27,163.77	£120.20
Karen	Clempner	11,624.97	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,624.97	£0.00
Terry	Cutmore	11,624.97	13,406.22	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25,031.19	£43.75
Michael	Danvers	11,624.97	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,624.97	£0.00
Jude	Deakin	11,624.97	0.00	96.40	28.80	4.00	0.00	11,754.17	£134.80
Tony	Durcan	11,624.97	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,624.97	£6.95
Mark	Ellis	11,624.97	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,624.97	£108.09
Andrew	Erskine	11,624.97	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,624.97	£33.30
David	Finch	11,499.96	51,894.96	5,554.50	0.00	36.87	0.00	68,986.29	£607.19
Margaret	Fisher	11,624.97	0.00	577.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	12,202.77	£149.70

Ricki	Gadsby	11,624.97	3,883.05	908.55	0.00	0.00	0.00	16,416.57	£211.10
Keith	Gibbs	11,624.97	0.00	340.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,965.17	£122.83
Alan	Goggin	11,624.97	0.00	122.10	14.40	0.00	0.00	11,761.47	£0.00
Raymond	Gooding	11,499.96	34,250.76	4,756.40	111.40	0.00	0.00	50,618.52	£496.45
Ian	Grundy	11,624.97	13,406.22	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25,031.19	£0.00
Giancarlo	Guglielmi	11,624.97	0.00	558.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	12,183.42	£39.80
Dave	Harris	11,624.97	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,624.97	£0.00
Anthony	Hedley	11,624.97	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,624.97	£189.70
Ivan	Henderson	11,624.97	0.00	149.40	461.60	0.00	0.00	12,235.97	£0.00
Theresa	Higgins	11,624.97	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,624.97	£68.55
Roger	Hirst	11,581.62	29,428.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	41,009.72	£0.00
Paul	Honeywood	11,624.97	0.00	392.85	0.00	0.00	0.00	12,017.82	£19.90
Ray	Howard	11,624.97	13,031.22	2,739.15	19.60	0.00	0.00	27,414.94	£456.55
Michael	Hoy	11,624.97	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,624.97	£0.00
Norman	Hume	11,624.97	21,660.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	33,285.00	£160.94
Jamie	Huntman	11,624.97	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,624.97	£6.95
Anthony	Jackson	11,624.97	13,031.22	1,031.85	6.20	0.00	0.00	25,694.24	£140.53
Edward	Johnson	11,499.96	34,250.76	2,616.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	48,367.47	£393.05
John	Jowers	11,624.97	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,624.97	£158.32
David	Kendall	11,624.97	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,624.97	£64.60
John	Knapman	11,624.97	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,624.97	£52.98
Nigel	Le Gresley	11,624.97	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,624.97	£64.60
Sue	Lissimore	11,624.97	13,031.22	2,292.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	26,948.94	£308.64
John	Lodge	11,624.97	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,624.97	£37.75
Derrick	Louis	11,624.97	26,148.43	1,004.40	19.00	0.00	476.00	39,272.80	£349.83
Michael	Mackrory	11,624.97	8,647.78	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20,272.75	£102.35
Richard	Madden	11,499.96	34,250.76	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	45,750.72	£144.54
Malcolm	Maddocks	11,624.97	13,031.22	2,425.30	3.34	0.00	0.00	27,084.83	£370.40
Maggie	McEwen	11,624.97	0.00	686.85	0.00	0.00	0.00	12,311.82	£128.30
Melissa	McGeorge	11,624.97	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,624.97	£0.00

Valerie	Metcalfe	11,624.97	3,451.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	15,076.57	£16.90
Ann	Naylor	11,624.97	0.00	1,004.65	0.00	0.00	0.00	12,629.62	£99.35
Patricia	Newton	11,624.97	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,624.97	£0.00
Pierre	Oxley***	10,118.12	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,118.12	£9.95
Michael	Page	11,624.97	13,031.22	1,809.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	26,465.64	£100.30
Joe	Pike	11,624.97	10,031.22	441.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	22,097.19	£110.25
Christopher	Pond	11,624.97	0.00	255.25	552.45	0.00	0.00	12,432.67	£191.20
Jillian	Reeves	11,624.97	13,105.35	1,086.30	17.50	0.00	0.00	25,834.12	£112.75
Stephen	Robinson	11,624.97	0.00	18.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,643.87	£78.50
Colin	Seagers	11,624.97	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,624.97	£9.95
Kerry	Smith	11,499.96	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,499.96	£0.00
John	Spence	11,499.96	34,250.76	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	45,750.72	£55.60
Anne	Turrell	11,624.97	0.00	256.05	35.60	0.00	0.00	11,916.62	£29.85
Kay	Twichen	11,624.97	13,031.22	2,364.40	30.90	12.35	0.00	27,063.84	£287.00
Simon	Walsh	11,624.97	16,087.50	1,760.85	0.00	0.00	0.00	29,473.32	£113.25
Roger	Walters	11,624.97	0.00	496.80	76.40	0.00	0.00	12,198.17	£72.63
Jon	Whitehouse	11,624.97	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,624.97	£60.65
Andrew	Wood	11,499.96	0.00	2,631.60	61.00	0.00	0.00	14,192.56	£120.25
Julie	Young	11,624.97	12,500.17	1,009.80	58.70	0.00	0.00	25,193.64	£0.00
Norman	Hodson****	593.73	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	593.73	£0.00
Jon	Swan****	593.73	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	593.73	£0.00
TOTALS		870,200.75	621,308.91	57,798.50	1,833.19	53.22	476.00	1,551,670.57	9,052.59

* The Basic Allowance increased from 1 January 2016 but some members decided to forego the increase for between one and three months or until further notice.

** Entitlement to a Special Responsibility Allowance varies according to role and may change during the year. Additionally, some members have taken a voluntary 3% reduction in their Special Responsibility Allowance.

*** Councillor Oxley ceased to be a member on 15 February 2016.

**** Basic Allowance to non-elected members Hodson and Swan on the ECC & EFA Joint Standards Committee.

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