

Levels of Allowances 2023/24

Updated following Wyre Council Local Elections May 2023 and Warren Ward By-Election June 2023

The following allowances apply to the Wyre Council Members' Allowances Scheme set out in Part 6.01 of the Constitution. The payments set out below assume that the recommendations of the IRP to the Council meeting on 20 April 2023 are approved. The allowances paid to the Group Leaders reflect the current political balance of the Council: Conservative 30, Labour 17, Wyre Independent 2 and Independent (unaligned) 1.

Basic Allowance

Annual amount per Member (as at 18 May 2023) £4,728

Special Responsibility Allowance

Responsibility	Method of calculation	Annual Amount
Leader	4 x Basic Allowance	£18,912
Deputy Leader	0.5 x Basic Allowance	£2,364
Cabinet Members (6)	2 x Basic Allowance	£9,456
Group Leaders *	(n/50) x Basic Allowance, where n = no. of Members in Group	£2,836.80 (Con) £1,607.52 (Lab) £189.12 (Wyre Ind)
Chairman of Overview and Scrutiny Committee	1.5 x Basic Allowance	£7,092
Chairman of Audit Committee	1 x Basic Allowance	£4,728
Chairman of Planning Committee	1.5 x Basic Allowance	£7,092
Chairman of Licensing Committee	1 x Basic Allowance	£4,728
Chairman of Standards Committee	0.1 x Basic Allowance	£472.80
Lead Members (2)	Fixed Sum	£250
Mayor	Annual Sum***	£9,423
Deputy Mayor	Annual Sum***	£1,848

Note: * Payable in respect of a group of two or more Members

** A fixed sum for 2023/24

*** An annual allowance which reflects the Mayors/Deputy Mayors Civic duties

To illustrate: the total amounts payable to recipients of Special Responsibilities in 2023/24 are expected to be as follows (provided no changes to political balance or responsibilities occur):

Leader of the Council	(£4,728 + £18,912 + £2,836.80)	= £26,476.80
Deputy Leader	(£4,728 + £9,456 + £2,364)	= £16,548
Cabinet Members	(£4,728 + £9,456)	= £14,184
Labour Group Leader	(£4,728 + £1,607.52)	= £6,335.52
Wyre Independent Group Leader	(£4,728 + £196.44)	= £4,924.44
Chairman of Overview and Scrutiny Committee	(£4,728 + £7,092)	= £11,820

Chairman of Audit and Standards Committee	(£4,728 + £4,728)	= £9,456
Chairman of Planning Committee	(£4,728 + £7,092)	= £11,820
Chairman of Licensing Committee	(£4,728 + £4,728)	= £9,456
Mayor	(£4,728 + £9,423)	= £14,151
Deputy Mayor	(£4,728 + £1,848)	= £6,576

Travel Allowances

- a. For travel by rail, the option that offers best value for the council will be selected. Member's should submit their request relating to rail travel via Democratic Services at the earliest opportunity as advance booking of rail fares can be significantly cheaper than standard prices. Members should use a website like the Trainline to identify preferred times of travel and be aware that some rail fares cannot be refunded if unused.
- b. Member's or Co-optee's own motor cycle usage will be linked to the HMRC rate for tax allowances (currently 24p per mile).
- c. Member's or Co-optee's own private motor vehicle, or one belonging to a member of her/his family or otherwise provided for her/his use will be paid at a flat rate per mile (currently 52.2p). The allowance will be linked to the NJC car mileage rates paid to officers and reflect the mid-point of the casual user rate.
- d. Increase for each passenger to whom travelling expenses would otherwise be payable up to a maximum of four is paid at the HMRC rate for tax allowances (currently 5p per mile).

Subsistence Allowances

1. Day Subsistence

This is not normally paid as attendance at conferences and seminars will include the provision of refreshments/lunch.

2. Overnight Subsistence

The Overnight allowance to cover hotel bills including breakfast is normally arranged via the Financial Services Team and paid directly by the council. An evening meal allowance of £15 is payable on the production of valid receipts.

Dependants' Carers' Allowance

Amount per hour, calculated from time leaving home to time returning home, paid in accordance with the national minimum wage.

National Insurance Contributions

Earnings allowable before deductions made	£12,570 per annum (£1,047.50 per month)
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