SOUTH TYNESIDE COUNCIL

The Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003 (as amended)

2006/07 Members' Allowances Scheme (as amended 23/11/06)

Basic Allowance (amount per Member)

£ 6,596

Special Responsibility Allowances

Leader of the Council		£ 24,186
Deputy Leader of the Council		£ 15,390
Cabinet Member (8)		£ 8,795
Leader of main opposition group		£ 6,596
Leader of second opposition group		£ 4,397
	Chair	**Vice-Chair**
Scrutiny Committee (4)	£ 8,795	£ 6,596
Pensions Committee	£ 6,596	£ 4,397
Planning Committee	£ 6,596	£ 4,397
Housing, Social Services & Other Appeals	£ 6,596	£ 4,397
Licensing	£ 6,596	£ 4,397
Community Area Forums (6)	£ 4,397	-
Employment Appeals	£ 4,397	£ 2,199
Human Resources	£ 4,397	£ 2,199

No Member should receive more than one Special Responsibility Allowance (SRA). Any Member holding two or more posts eligible for an SRA should be paid only the highest of the SRA's payable.

Where a Member is also a Member of another authority, that Member should not receive allowances from more than one authority in respect of the same duties.

Co-Optees Allowances

	Chair	**Vice-Chair**
Standards Committee	£ 4,397	£ 2,199
	Additional Co-Optees	
Audit Committee (w/e 16.05.06)	£660	

Dependent Carers' Allowances

Based on actual costs, but not exceeding **£7.14 per hour**.

Carers' allowance should be paid for the care of dependents (whether children, elderly people or people with disabilities) when a Councillor attends a meeting or carries out other Council business which is specified in the regulations. The maximum period of entitlement should be the duration of approved duty together with reasonable travelling time.

The allowance should only be paid for care by a registered child minder or carer (not a Member of the Councillor's own household) and only if supported by receipted paid invoices.

The allowance will be payable for an approved duty and any other duty or class of duty approved by the Head of Corporate Governance for the purposes of, or in connection with, the discharge of any of the Council's functions or the functions of any of the Council's committees or sub-committees. (w/e 1.04.06)

Pension Entitlements

All Members of the Council should be entitled to join the Local Government Pension Scheme. For pension purposes, basic and special responsibility allowances should be pensionable.

Travel and Subsistence Allowances (for Elected Members and Co-Optees)

These are the 2005/06 Inland Revenue rates. They are to be increased if the Inland Revenue publishes revised rates.

	2005/06
Cars - First 10,000 miles	40p per mile
Cars - Over 10,000 miles	25p per mile
Cars - Each additional passenger	5p per mile
Motor Cycles	24p per mile
Bicycles	20p per mile

	2006/07
Subsistence	
Overnight (outside London) – 24 hours	£ 91.71
Overnight (inside London) – 24 hours	£ 104.60
Breakfast (4 hours before 11am)	£ 5.65
Lunch (4 hours including period 12 noon)	£ 7.78
Tea (4 hours including period 3pm to 6pm)	£ 3.06
Evening Meal (4 hours ending after 7pm)	£ 9.62

Out of Pocket	**2006/07**
UK (24 hours)	£ 14.50
Abroad (24 hours)	£ 29.02

Suspension of Allowances

When an elected member is suspended or partially suspended (in accordance with Part III of the Local Government Act 2000) all or an appropriate part of the allowances payable to that elected member during the period of suspension should be withheld by the authority, unless suspension is pending the result of an investigation, in which case allowances will continue to be paid.

Elections to forgo Allowances

Any Elected Member or Co-Optee may, by notice in writing given to the Council's Head of Finance, elect to forgo all or part of any allowance entitlement.

Future increases in Members' Allowances (up to 2008/09)

Basic, special responsibility and dependent carer's allowances should increase each year on 1st April by the annual percentage increase in the Retail Price Index.

Mileage rates payable to Members should continue to match the Inland Revenue's authorised mileage rates. These allowances should be updated each year when the Inland Revenue publishes revised allowances.

Subsistence allowances payable to Members should continue to match the allowances paid by other Tyne and Wear Councils. These allowances should be updated each year when Tyne and Wear District Treasurers Group agree revised allowances.

Out of pocket rates payable to Members should increase each year on 1st April by the annual percentage increase in the Retail Price Index (excluding mortgage interest payments).

The Independent Panel should be asked to reconvene by the Head of Corporate Governance where future changes to the Council's constitution and committee structure potentially impact on its previous recommendations to the Council.