

PART 6. MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES SCHEME 2005

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

This Scheme was approved by resolution of the Council on 20 December 2005 and shall have effect from 1 January 2006.

1. In this Scheme,

'member' means a member of the High Peak Borough Council who is a councillor.

'year' means the period beginning on the first day of any municipal year and ending with the last day of that municipal year.

'municipal year' means a period of time commencing with the annual meeting of the Council.

3. **Basic Allowance**

Subject to paragraph 12, for each year or part thereof, the Basic Allowance specified in Schedule 1 of this Scheme shall be paid to each member.

4. **Special Responsibility Allowances**

- (i) For each year a Special Responsibility Allowance shall be paid to those members who hold the special responsibilities specified in Schedule 1.
- (ii) Subject to paragraph 12, the amount of each such allowance shall be as specified in Schedule 1.

5. **Child Care and Dependent Carer's Allowance**

A Child Care and Dependent Carer's Allowance shall be payable as set out in Schedule 1.

6. **Travel and Subsistence Allowances**

Travel allowances are payable for duties set out in Schedule 2 and shall be as follows:

- Public transport - reimbursement of actual costs incurred.
- Private transport - see Schedule 3.

Subsistence shall be payable as specified in Schedule 3. If an overnight stay is required, a member or co-optee can claim the actual reasonable cost of any accommodation.

7. Co-optees

Any co-optees, as permitted by the Council's Constitution, shall be paid a co-optee' Special Responsibility Allowance as specified in Schedule 1 to this Scheme, together with Travel and Subsistence Allowance and Child Care and Dependent Carer's Allowances on the same basis as any member of the Council.

8. Pensions

Any member of the Council shall be eligible to join the Local Government Pension Scheme provided their allowances exceed £5,000 per annum.

9. Backdating

The provisions of paragraphs 3, 4, 6 and 7 of this Scheme shall be implemented with effect from 1 January 2006.

An annual index shall be applied to the Basic Allowance, Special Responsibility Allowance, Co-optees Allowance and the rate for which the Dependent Carer's Allowance, the index being the annual national percentage pay increase received by local government staff.

10. Suspension of Allowances

Where a Member is suspended, or partially suspended, from his or her responsibilities or duties as a member or co-optee of the Council in accordance with Part III of the Local Government Act 2000, that part of any allowance payable to that member or co-optee under this Scheme will be withheld or recovered. Subject to the outcome of any investigation, any amount withheld or recovered may be reimbursed.

11. Renunciation

A member or co-optee may by notice in writing given to the Monitoring Officer elect to forego any part of his or her entitlement to an allowance under this Scheme.

12. Part Year Entitlements

- (i) The provisions of this paragraph shall have effect to regulate the entitlements of a member or co-optee to Basic and Special Responsibility Allowances (as appropriate) where, in the course of any year, this Scheme is amended or that member or co-optee becomes, or ceases to be, a member or co-optee or accepts or relinquishes a special responsibility in respect of which a Special Responsibility Allowance is payable.

- (ii) If an amendment to this Scheme changes the amount to which a member or co-optee is entitled by way of a Basic Allowance or a Special Responsibility Allowance, then in relation to each of the periods
 - (a) beginning with the municipal year and ending with the day before that on which the first amendment in that year takes effect; or
 - (b) beginning with the day on which an amendment takes effect and ending with the day before that on which the next amendment takes effect, or (if there is no amendment) the end of the year

the allowance paid shall be proportional to the number of days in that period to the number of days in the year.

- (iii) If an amendment to this Scheme changes the duties specified in Schedule 2 to this Scheme, the entitlement to Travel and Subsistence Allowance or Child Care and Dependent Carer's Allowance, shall be to the amount applicable under the Scheme when the duty is carried out.
- (iv) Where the term of office of a member begins or ends otherwise than at the beginning or end of a municipal year, the Basic Allowance paid shall be proportional to the number of days in that period to the number of days in the year.
- (v) Where the Scheme is amended as mentioned in sub-paragraph (ii), and the term of office of a member does not subsist throughout the period mentioned in sub-paragraph (ii) (a), the Basic Allowance paid shall be proportional to the number of days in the period of office of that member to the number of days in the year.
- (vi) Where a member or co-optee has during part of, but not throughout, a municipal year such special responsibilities as entitle him or her to a Special Responsibility Allowance, the Special Responsibility Allowance paid shall be proportional to the number of days during which that office is held to the number of days in the year.
- (vii) Where this Scheme is amended as mentioned in sub-paragraph (ii), and a member has during part but not the whole of, any such period, any special responsibilities as entitle him or her to a Special Responsibility Allowance, the Special Responsibility Allowance paid shall be proportional to the number of days during which the member has such special responsibilities to the number of days in the year.

13. Claims and Payments

Any claim for allowances other than the Basic and Special Responsibility Allowances, shall be made on the form provided by the Head of Personnel and Administration (also available on the intranet under 'Members' Forms') within three months of the end of the month in which the entitlement to the allowance arose.

14. Payment Shall Be Made

- (i) In respect of Basic and Special Responsibility Allowances, subject to sub-paragraph (ii), in instalments of one-twelfth of the amount specified in this Scheme on the fifteenth day of each month, or the working day preceding that date.
- (ii) In respect of other allowances, on the fifteenth day of each month following the receipt of a claim, providing such claim is received no later than the end of the preceding month.
- (iii) Where a payment of one-twelfth of the amount specified in this Scheme in respect of a Basic Allowance or a Special Responsibility Allowance would result in the member or co-optee receiving more than the amount to which, by virtue of paragraph 12, he or she is entitled, the payment shall be restricted to such amount as will ensure that no more is paid than the amount to which he or she is entitled.

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SCHEDULE 1**

BASIC ALLOWANCE

Each member shall be entitled to a Basic Allowance of £3,002

SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY ALLOWANCES

	£
Leader of the Council	9,905
Deputy Leader of the Council	5,942
Executive Members	4,456
Chair of Corporate Select Committee	1,980
Chair of Community Select Committee	1,485
Chair of Housing Select Committee	1,485
Chair of Audit & Regulatory Committee	1,980
Chair of Development Control Committee	2,970
Vice Chair of Development Control Committee	1,485
Chair of Standards Committee	989
Parish Representatives to Standards Committee	395
Chair of Licensing Committee	600
Vice Chair of Licensing Committee	300
Minority Group Leader	1,980

DEPENDENT CARER'S ALLOWANCE

Payable in respect of child or dependent relative care whilst undertaking the qualifying duties specified in Schedule 2. The allowance shall be £4.04 per hour up to a maximum of £28.28 per day.

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SCHEDULE 2

Approved duties for the purpose of Travel and Subsistence Allowance and Child Care and Dependent Carer's Allowance:

1. A meeting of the Borough Council, Committee, Executive or Panel or of any Sub-Committee whether as a member, substitute or observer.
2. Site Inspections by members of the Council, Executive, a Committee, Panel or Sub-Committee approved by the Chief Executive.
3. Site Inspections by the Leader or Deputy Leader of the Council, a Chair or Vice-Chair of a Committee, Sub-Committee or Panel undertaken on his or her own authority, providing the visit is reasonably necessary to discharge his or her duties.
4. As Leader or Deputy Leader of the majority group on the Council (or, in the event of a coalition of groups, the Leader and Deputy Leader of the coalition), Leader of any opposition group on the Council, or a Chairman or Vice-Chairman of a Committee, Sub-Committee or Panel, any place within the High Peak Borough, within Derbyshire or within 30 miles of the Council's offices at Buxton, for the purposes of transacting Council business, provided that any other member of the Council may, attend in their place with the approval of the Chief Executive.
5. Subject to a limit of not more than three visits per member within each cycle of meetings, visits to offices of the Council for the purposes of conducting constituency business.
6. Government offices for the purposes of transacting Council business.
7. The Council's offices or other place within the High Peak at the request of the Chief Executive, an Executive Director or the Monitoring Officer.
8. Official and courtesy visits of a civic nature within the United Kingdom where (other than in the case of the Mayor or Deputy Mayor) first approved in writing by the Chief Executive.
9. Official openings, presentations or other events within the Borough where first approved in writing by the Chief Executive.
10. One meeting per calendar month of one of the recognised political groups on the Council.

11. A meeting of a body to which a member has been appointed by the Local Government Association or by the Derbyshire or East Midlands Local Government Association.
12. Training for Councillors with the approval of the Chief Executive.
13. As Leader of any duly notified political group on the Council, at any political group meeting organised under by or on behalf of the Local Government Association or the East Midlands Regional Local Government Association; provided that:
 - (a) the number of such visits shall in each case not exceed four per annum:
 - (b) any other member of the Council may attend in the place of a group Leader with the approval of the Chief Executive.
14. Other meeting or function, whether in the United Kingdom or abroad, where attendance has been approved in advance by the Chief Executive.
15. Attendance as the Council's appointee/nominee, or duly appointed substitute, at meetings of the following bodies, or at any Committee, Sub-Committee or Panel of such body.

Area Forums
 Buxton & District Local Quarries Joint Liaison Committee
 Buxton Volunteer Bureau
 Chapel Mobile Physiotherapy Service
 Crescent Joint Working Committee
 Derby & Derbyshire Economic Partnership
 Derbyshire Arts Partnership
 Derbyshire Dales & High Peak Local Strategic Partnership
 Derbyshire Economic Partnership
 Derbyshire Enterprise Agency
 Derbyshire Scrutiny Liaison Group
 Derbyshire T-Government Management Board
 Derbyshire Partnership Forum
 Derbyshire Sport
 Derbyshire Supporting People Partnership
 East Midlands Arts
 East Midlands Councils
 Glossop & District AgeUK
 Glossop & District Volunteer Centre
 Glossop/Bad Vilbel Twinning Association
 Glossop Community Transport
 Glossop Heritage Trust
 Glossop Vision Board
 Health & Safety Committee
 Heart of England Tourist Board
 High Peak Citizens Advice Bureau
 High Peak Joint Community Safety Partnership Strategy Group

High Peak Theatre Trust Limited
Joint Consultative Committee
Local Government Association
Local Government Association - Derbyshire
Local Government Association - Rural Commission
Local Government Association - Urban Commission
Mersey Basin Campaign
New Mills & District Volunteer Centre
Peak District Rural Forum
Rural Action Derbyshire
Tameside & Glossop NHS Foundation Trust
Tenant Consumer Panels
Torr Vale Mill Preservation Trust Limited
Trans Pennine Trail
Visit Peak District & Derbyshire
Volunteer Centre Glossop & District
Whaley Bridge Sports Association

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SCHEDULE 3

Mileage Rates Payable

a. Motor Cars

The following rates will be paid:

Engine Size Rate per Mile

Up to 999cc	46.9p
1000cc and above	52.2p

b. Motorcycles

Up to 150cc	8.5p
151 - 500cc	12.3p
500cc and above	16.5p

Subsistence Rates Payable

Breakfast	(absence of 4 hours or more ending Before 11.00 am)	£7.00
Lunch	(absence of 4 hours or more Including the period between 12 noon And 2.00 pm)	£9.00
Tea	(absence of 4 hours or more Including the period from 3.00 pm to 6.00 pm)	£5.00
Evening	(absence of 4 hours or more for a Period ending after 7.00 pm)	£12.00