



## MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES 2025-2026

Under the terms of the Local Authorities (Members Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003, councils are required to publish the amount paid to each member in respect of basic allowance, special responsibility allowance, travel and subsistence allowance, co-optees' allowance and dependant carers allowance. *These amounts are gross payments and subject to taxation.*

The Members' Communication Allowance and Lord Mayor/Deputy Lord Mayor allowances are not included in the Member Allowance Scheme. These payments are made outside of the scheme's requirements and cover other expenses to enable a councillor to fulfil their duties. As is our usual practice, we have included these figures into the publication for openness and transparency.

The amounts paid to members of Stoke-on-Trent City Council up to the year ended 31st March 2026 are:-

Name	Basic £	Special Responsibility £	Travel and Subsistence £	Members Communication Allowance
Akbar, W	£12,000.00	£6,000.00	£500.04	£100.00
Akkurt, S	£12,000.00	-	£600.00	£0.00
Ashworth OBE, J	£12,000.00	£36,000.00	£680.04	£0.00
Aumir, M	£12,000.00	-	£500.04	£100.00
Beardmore, C	£12,000.00	-	£500.04	£100.00
Beardmore, L	£12,000.00	£5,685.20	£500.04	£100.00
Bell, J	£12,000.00	£9,000.00	£500.04	£100.00
Blurton, H	£12,000.00	-	£600.00	£100.00
Brown OBE, A	£12,000.00	-	£600.00	£100.00

<b>Name</b>	<b>Basic £</b>	<b>Special Responsibility £</b>	<b>Travel and Subsistence £</b>	<b>Members Communication Allowance</b>
Carter, L	£12,000.00	£3,276.78	£500.04	£100.00
Clark, M	£12,000.00	-	£500.04	£100.00
Colclough, S J	£12,000.00	£12,000.00	£500.04	£100.00
Davison, L	£12,000.00	£5,161.29	£500.04	£100.00
Din, T	£12,000.00	-	£600.00	£100.00
Dodd, L	£12,000.00	-	£500.04	£0.00
Edwards, C	£12,000.00	-	£600.00	£100.00
Evans, D	£12,000.00	-	£500.04	£100.00
Gordon-McCusker, F	£12,000.00	£12,000.00	£500.04	£100.00
Hill, S	£12,000.00	£12,000.00	£500.04	£100.00
Hussain, F	£12,000.00	£1,185.49	£500.04	£100.00
Irving, R	£12,000.00	-	£600.00	£100.00
Jellyman, D	£12,000.00	£6,096.77	£600.00	£100.00
Kallar, G S	£12,000.00	£9,000.00	£500.04	£100.00
Kanneganti CBE, C	£12,000.00	-	£500.04	£100.00
Kelsall, R	£12,000.00	-	£500.04	£100.00
Khan, M	£12,000.00	£12,000.00	£500.04	£100.00
Knapper, A	£12,000.00	-	£500.04	£500.00
Maqsoom, S	£12,000.00	-	£500.04	£100.00

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Mountford, D	£12,000.00	-	£600.00	£100.00
Najmi, J	£12,000.00	-	£500.04	£100.00
Pender, S	£12,000.00	-	£500.04	£100.00
Platt, A	£12,000.00	£7,741.94	£500.04	£100.00
Robinson, C	£12,000.00	£12,000.00	£500.04	£100.00
Santoro, D	£12,000.00	£9,000.00	£500.04	£0.00
Sharpe, L	£12,000.00	-	£500.04	£100.00
Shenton, L ( <i>wef 16/05/2025</i> )	£10,516.13	£410.71	£438.21	£100.00
Walker, D	£12,000.00	£12,000.00	£500.04	£0.00
Watkins, L	£12,000.00	£9,338.71	£600.00	£100.00
Watkins, S	£12,000.00	-	£600.00	£100.00
Watson, A	£12,000.00	£1,709.68	£500.04	£100.00
Watson, G	£12,000.00	£1,282.26	£500.04	£0.00
Wazir OBE, A	£12,000.00	£18,000.00	£500.04	£100.00
Williams, David *	-	-	-	-
Williams, Diane	£12,000.00	-	£500.04	£0.00

\* Councillor has declined any allowance payments with effect

No payments have been made for Dependent Carer's allowance.

The amount paid to the Voting Parent Governor Representative on the Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee up to the year ended 31st March 2026 is:-

Name	Allowance £
Glendinning, L (from 22/05/2025 – 07/01/2026)	£314.47

The full Members' Allowances Scheme can be found in **Part 6** of the [City Council Constitution](#).

**Please note that the following allowance payments are outside of the scheme's requirements and cover expenses to enable a councillor to fulfil their role.**

Name	Allowance £
Bell, J (Deputy Lord Mayor) (from 22 May 2025)	£0.00 No allowance claimed for Deputy Lord Mayor as already in receipt of a Special Responsibility Allowance payment
Sharpe, L (Lord Mayor) (until 22 May 2025)	£1,282.26
Watkins, S (Deputy Lord Mayor) (until 21 May 2025)	£419.35
Watkins, S (Lord Mayor) (from 22 May 2025)	£7,741.94
	The annual allowances for these positions are:- <b>Lord Mayor - £9,000.00 Deputy Lord Mayor - £3,000.00</b>

\* In May 2023, all councillors elected were given options to choose for their Member Communication Allowance. A choice of three options were available and individual payments were made as per table above.

**Option 1** – £100 - City Council owned equipment (IT device and smartphone) with annual broadband (£100) payment.

**Option 2** – £200 - City Council owned IT device only with annual telephone (£100) and broadband (£100) payment

**Option 3** – £800 - Councillor's own equipment (device and smartphone) with IT payment and with annual telephone (£100) and annual broadband (£100) payment

Following approval at Budget council on 22 February 2024, it was agreed that with effect from 1 April 2024, councillors will not receive the annual broadband payment.