

Members' Salaries & Expenses 2023/24

The Local Government (Allowances and Expenses) (Scotland) Regulations 2007 as amended, require the Council to keep a record of payments made to Members and to publish the information for the preceding year by 1 June. Payments made to Members of Dumfries and Galloway Council for the year ending 31 March 2024 were as follows:

Members Name	Designation	D&G Post Held	Other Bodies Post Held	Committee or Other Bodies	Salary	Car & Van Mileage Expenses		Other Travel		Total Travel	Subsistence		Training & Conference Costs		Telephone & ICT Expenses		Other Allowances & Expenses	Civic Allowance	Total Expenses	Expenses Reimbursed From Outside Bodies	Total Salary & Expenses	
						Claimed by & Reimbursed to Council	Met directly by Council	Claimed by & Reimbursed to Council	Met directly by Council		Accommodation	Meals	Claimed by & Reimbursed to Council	Met directly by Council	Claimed by & Reimbursed to Council	Met directly by Council						
Andrew Ferguson	Member for North West Dumfries	Councillor			19,982.72	-				-						67.05	32.00		99.05		20,081.77	
Andrew Giusti	Member for Stranraer and the Rhins	Senior Councillor		Vice Chair Planning Applications	25,192.69	2,118.15				2,118.15						36.00	12.50		2,166.65		27,359.34	
Andrew McFarlane	Member for Dee and Glenkens	Councillor			20,099.29	807.75				807.75						24.00	1.50		833.25		20,932.54	
Andrew Wood	Member for Mid and Upper Nithsdale	Councillor			20,099.29	-				-						54.15			54.15		20,153.44	
Antony Berretti	Member for Mid and Upper Nithsdale	Councillor			20,099.29	5,554.35		20.00		5,574.35						67.32			5,641.67		25,740.96	
Archie Dryburgh	Member for Annandale East and Eskdale	Senior Councillor		Vice Chair Audit, Risk and Scrutiny, Association for Public Service Excellence	26,579.15	3,014.55		13.33	561.21	3,589.09	518.18			710.00		78.08			4,895.35	-	30,646.50	
Benjamin Dashper	Member for Stranraer and the Rhins	Councillor			20,099.29	795.60				795.60						66.00			861.60		20,960.89	
Carolyne Wilson	Member for Annandale North	Councillor			20,033.72	1,409.85			58.98	1,468.83	152.50					24.00			1,645.33		21,679.05	
Christine Hill	Member for Stranraer and the Rhins	Senior Councillor		Vice Chair Social Work Services	25,462.26	3,207.60				3,207.60		29.17				82.87		145.82	3,465.46		28,927.72	
David Inglis	Member for Mid Galloway and Wigtown West	Senior Councillor		Vice Chair Economy & Resources	25,192.69	582.75				582.75						58.38			641.13		25,833.82	
David Slater	Member for Nith	Councillor			20,099.29	-				-						24.00			24.00		20,123.29	
Davie Stitt	Member for Abbey	Councillor			20,099.29	-				-						644.82			644.82		20,744.11	
Denis Male	Member for Annandale East and Eskdale	Councillor			20,099.29	1,773.00				1,773.00						41.99			1,814.99		21,914.28	
Douglas Campbell	Member for Dee and Glenkens	Councillor			19,982.72	1,085.85				1,085.85						-			1,085.85		21,068.57	
Emma Jordan	Member for North West Dumfries	Councillor			20,033.72	1,129.05				1,129.05						24.33			1,153.38		21,187.10	
Gail Macgregor	Member for Annandale North	Senior Councillor	Resources Spokesperson	Leader, Depute Convener COSLA	40,401.22	3,139.20			477.55	3,616.75	350.83	26.33		674.00	31.65	66.00			4,765.56		45,166.78	
George Jamieson	Member for Annandale South	Councillor			19,982.72	-				-						148.13			148.13		20,130.85	
Graham Bell	Member for North West Dumfries	Councillor			20,099.29	-				-						-			-		20,099.29	
Iain Howie	Member for Castle Douglas and Crocketford	Councillor			19,982.72	954.00				954.00						152.50			1,106.50		21,089.22	
Ian Blake	Member for Abbey	Senior Councillor		Chair Communities	25,192.69	1,545.30				1,545.30						53.28			1,598.58		26,791.27	
Ian Carruthers	Member for Annandale South	Senior Councillor		Chair Economy & Resources	25,192.69	-				-						100.88			100.88		25,293.57	
Ivor Hyslop	Member for Lochar	Senior Councillor		Chair Finance, Procurement & Transformation	25,192.69	-				-						56.05			56.05		25,248.74	
Jackie McCamom	Member for Mid Galloway and Wigtown West	Senior Councillor		Vice Chair Communities	25,192.69	1,080.90				1,080.90						66.85			1,147.75		26,340.44	
James Dempster	Member for Mid and Upper Nithsdale	Senior Councillor		Chair Planning Applications	25,127.12	589.50				589.50						32.78	5.50		627.78		25,754.90	
John Campbell	Member for Nith	Councillor			19,982.72	19.80				19.80						66.00			85.80		20,068.52	
John Denerley	Member for Dee and Glenkens	Councillor			20,099.29	-				-						137.08			137.08		20,236.37	
John Young	Member for Castle Douglas and Crocketford	Councillor			20,099.29	-				-						66.24			66.24		20,165.53	
Karen Carruthers	Member for Annandale East and Eskdale	Councillor			20,099.29	-				-						126.40			126.40		20,225.69	
Katie Hagmann	Member for Mid Galloway and Wigtown West	Councillor	Resources Spokesperson	COSLA	19,982.72	4,367.25		205.30		4,572.55	199.00			475.00		98.80			5,345.35		25,328.07	
Keith Walters	Member for Nith	Councillor			20,099.29	-				-						24.33	30.00		54.33		20,153.62	
Kimbra Lowe	Member for Abbey	Councillor			20,099.29	461.25				461.25						24.00			485.25		20,584.54	
Linda Donward	Member for Lochar	Councillor			20,033.72	144.90				144.90						41.35			193.54		20,227.26	
Lynne Davis	Member for Annandale North	Councillor			20,099.29	391.95				391.95						-	140.00		531.95		20,631.24	
Malcolm Johnstone	Member for Nith	Senior Councillor		Convener, Civic Head and Depute Leader	30,286.04	279.45				279.45						37.45			316.90		30,602.94	
Maureen Johnstone	Member for Lochar (Provost)	Senior Councillor		Provost, Vice Chair Education & Learning	25,192.69	-				-						74.75	12.50		87.25		25,279.94	
Paula Stevenson	Member for North West Dumfries	Councillor			20,099.29	-				-						24.00			24.00		20,123.29	
Pauline Drysdale	Member for Dee and Glenkens	Senior Councillor		Chair Social Work Services	25,192.69	386.55				386.55						47.66			434.21		25,626.90	
Richard Brodie	Member for Annandale South	Senior Councillor		Chair Education & Learning	25,086.18	-				-				475.00		66.00	166.60		707.60		25,793.78	
Richard Marsh	Member for Mid Galloway and Wigtown West	Senior Councillor		Vice Chair Finance, Procurement & Transformation	25,192.69	-				-						36.00			36.00		25,228.69	
Sean Marshall	Member for Annandale South	Councillor			20,033.72	-				-						242.50			242.50		20,276.22	
Stephen Thompson	Member for Annandale North	Senior Councillor		Chair Audit, Risk & Scrutiny	24,787.44	2,153.70				2,153.70				195.00	25.99	201.33	90.00		2,666.02		27,453.46	
Tracey Little	Member for Lochar	Provost			19,990.01	-				-						78.19			78.19		20,068.20	
William Scobie	Member for Stranraer and the Rhins	Councillor			20,099.29	5,236.20				5,236.20						101.67	188.25		5,526.12		25,625.41	
					965,245.45	42,228.45	-		716.18	620.19	43,564.82	1,220.51	62.79	-	2,529.00	203.46	3,463.21	678.85	-	51,722.64	-	1,016,968.09

Remuneration

Under the Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004 (Remuneration) Regulations 2007 as amended, there are four levels of remuneration payments for Councillors, depending on the responsibilities of the Councillor. These are the Leader of the Council, Depute Leader, Senior Councillor and Councillor. A Senior Councillor is a Councillor who holds a position of significant position of responsibility in the Council's Political Management Structure. All other Councillors, other than the Leader of the Council and the Convener will receive the basic remuneration as prescribed by the Regulations. Remuneration is subject to income tax and national insurance deductions.

Travel and Subsistence

These expenses are paid at rates determined by Regulation. Councillors may claim costs incurred when travelling on approved duties. The total amount of these payments will vary from Councillor to Councillor, depending on a number of factors. These factors include the distance that they live from Council Headquarters (which affects the amount of travelling required to attend the meetings of the Council), the area covered by their Ward and whether they represent the Council on external bodies such as COSLA. Car expenses met directly by Council represent the capital and running costs of pool cars used by Councillors that equates to an average of 30p per mile.

Telephone and ICT Expenses

The Council provides elected members with mobiles and broadband facilities to enable them to carry out Council business. Such costs are met directly by the Council but require to be published as a cost to the Councillor in the above table.

Depute Leader's Civic Allowance

This allowance is paid to offset expenditure by the Convener carrying out Civic duties. The maximum yearly allowance prescribed by Regulation for Dumfries and Galloway Council is £3,000.

Accruals Basis

Total remuneration disclosed in the above table is presented on an accrual basis. As such, the automatic accrual can create minor differences on the time period pay is allocated to.

Additional Payments

Archie Dryburgh received payments of £1,500 within 2023/24 for their role with APSE (Association for Public Service Excellence). Dumfries and Galloway Council have been reimbursed £828 for these costs.

Katie Hagmann and Gail Macgregor both have national roles within COSLA.

COSLA has an agreement with all Scottish Councils that the Council concerned will bear the first £2,500 of any expenses in relation to the attendance of reps to COSLA meetings and that COSLA will reimburse any costs in excess of that.

The Council have submitted a claim for £1,322.61 to COSLA for expenses incurred by Katie Hagmann for their spokesperson role, but the claim had not been paid out at the 31 March 2024.

Other Expenses and Allowances

Includes postage, printing and any other expenses which are out with the other headings