



MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES AND TRAVEL AND SUBSISTENCE SCHEMES (From 1 April 2009)

The Authority in March 2002 agreed to the introduction of a new members' allowances scheme and a travel and subsistence scheme.

The scheme was based on guidance provided by the Association of Police Authorities and the recommendations of an Independent Review Panel established by the Authority.

The members' allowances scheme is index linked to Police Support Staff Council cost of living increases. The scheme is updated in line with these increases with effect from 1 April each year.

The subsistence rates in the travel and subsistence scheme are increased annually in line with inflation on 1 April each year.

- The Chair's receives a remuneration of £18,984 per annum.
- There is no special responsibility allowance for Committee Chairs.
- Members of the Authority receive a fixed basic allowance rate of £9,493 per annum.
- The remuneration for the lay and independent members of the Standards Committee and Members of the Selection Panel is set at a daily rate of £179.
- A carers'/dependants' allowance is available as follows:-
 1. A carers' allowance not exceeding £7.12 per hour should be paid for the care of dependants when a member is attending a meeting or undertaking a Police Authority duty.
 2. The claim should be made for the period of the meeting plus reasonable travelling time and should be supported by invoices.
 3. The allowance will only be payable if the care is undertaken by a registered person and not a member of the Members' family unless they are registered and undertaking care duties professionally.



- The Authority's Members' Allowances Scheme is index linked to Police Support Staff Council cost of living increases.
- The Police Authority on 23 April 2003 agreed to continue with the current members' allowances scheme, subject to the addition of the following policy:-
- Where a member is suspended because he or she has been found to have breached the Authority's Code of Conduct that member will not receive any allowance whilst suspended from the Authority.

NORTHUMBRIA POLICE AUTHORITY TRAVEL AND SUBSISTENCE SCHEME

Hotel Accommodation

Hotel accommodation to be booked by the Authority and either:

- paid directly by the Authority; or
- members reimbursed for actual receipted expenditure or given an advance to cover the actual cost of the accommodation.

In exceptional circumstances, a member can reserve hotel accommodation, and will be reimbursed for actual receipted expenditure or given an advance to cover the actual cost of the accommodation.

A receipt must subsequently be provided for any advances given to cover the actual cost of accommodation.

Day (up to 12 hours)	£11.97
Day (over 12 hours/less than 24 hours)	£23.94
Overnight (24 hours)	£35.91

The above to be up-rated annually in line with inflation.

Meals on trains - Members reimbursed for actual receipted expenditure.



Travel

Rail - First Class

Taxi - Members reimbursed for actual receipted expenditure.

Motor Vehicle

Inland Revenue Approved Rates

Currently for all car sizes

- Up to 10,000 miles - 40 pence per mile
- Over 10,000 miles - 25 pence per mile

Bicycle Rate

20 pence per mile