

Members' Allowances and Expenses 2025/26

The Local Government (Allowances and Expenses) (Scotland) Regulations 2007 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 South Ayrshire Council for the period 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026 were:

Name	Position Held	Salary	Mileage Expenses - Claimed	Mileage Expenses - Paid Direct	Other Travel - Claimed	Other Travel - Paid Direct	Subsistence Expenses - Accommodation	Subsistence Expenses - Meals	Training and Conference Expenses	Telephone & ICT - Claimed	Telephone & ICT - Paid Direct	Other Allowances & Expenses	Total Expenses	Total Salary & Expenses
Bell, COUNCILLOR Kenneth	Councillor	£25,904									£16		£16	£25,920
Brennan-Whitefield, COUNCILLOR Laura	Vice Chair - Appeals Panel	£25,904									£21		£21	£25,925
Campbell, COUNCILLOR Iain	Provost Chair - Council	£36,886	£1,092								£33		£1,125	£38,011
Cavana, COUNCILLOR John	Chair - Appeals Panel	£30,242									£21		£21	£30,263
Clark, COUNCILLOR Alec	Depute Leader Commercial/Operational Services Policy Lead	£33,560	£5,012								£21		£5,033	£38,593
Cochrane, COUNCILLOR Ian	Councillor	£25,904									£21		£21	£25,925
Connolly, COUNCILLOR Brian	Leader Economy & Strategy Policy Lead Chair - Chief Officers Appointments/Appraisal Panel	£47,793											£0	£47,793
Cullen, COUNCILLOR Christopher	Leisure and Community Services Policy Lead	£33,097									£47		£47	£33,144
Davis, COUNCILLOR Ian	Finance and Corporate Services Policy Lead	£33,560									£21		£21	£33,581
Dettbarn, COUNCILLOR Julie	Chair - Audit and Governance Panel Chair - South Ayrshire Integration Joint Board	£30,242							£674		£21		£695	£30,937
Dixon, COUNCILLOR Mark	Chair - Ayrshire Valuation Joint Board (AVJB) to 22/7/25	£9,585									£17		£17	£9,602
Dowey, COUNCILLOR Martin	Councillor	£27,881											£0	£27,881
Ferry, COUNCILLOR Stephen	Councillor	£25,904									£21		£21	£25,925
Grant, COUNCILLOR William	Education and Lifelong Learning Policy Lead Chair - Licensing Board	£33,560	£1,689				£349			£380	£37		£2,455	£36,015
Hogg, COUNCILLOR William	Councillor from 16 October 2025	£11,970											£0	£11,970
Hunter, COUNCILLOR Hugh	Health and Social Care Policy Lead	£33,560	£1,136										£1,136	£34,696
Kilbride, COUNCILLOR Martin	Housing and Property Services Policy Lead	£33,560									£16		£16	£33,576
Kilpatrick, COUNCILLOR Mary	Senior Councillor	£30,242									£21		£21	£30,263
Lamont, MR. Alan	Chair - Regulatory Panel Chair - Local Review Body	£30,242	£878										£878	£31,120
Lyons, COUNCILLOR Lee	Councillor	£25,904											£0	£25,904
Mackay, COUNCILLOR Craig	Councillor	£25,904									£34		£34	£25,938
McGinley, COUNCILLOR Brian	Vice Chair - Audit and Governance Panel	£25,904									£23		£23	£25,927
Pollock, COUNCILLOR Robert	Depute Leader	£30,714									£21		£21	£30,735
Ramsay, COUNCILLOR Cameron	Councillor	£25,904									£16		£16	£25,920
Saxton, COUNCILLOR Philip	Chair - Service & Partnerships Performance Panel	£29,623	£872						£674		£21		£1,567	£31,190
Scott, COUNCILLOR Gavin	Chair - Ayrshire Valuation Joint Board (AVJB) from 25/9/25	£27,478	£2,397								£16		£2,413	£29,891
Shields, COUNCILLOR Robert	Planning and Regulatory Services Policy Lead	£33,560									£21		£21	£33,581
Townson, COUNCILLOR Duncan	Councillor	£25,904									£16		£16	£25,920
Weir, COUNCILLOR George	Vice Chair - Service and Partnerships Performance Panel	£25,904									£55		£55	£25,959
	TOTALS	£836,395	£13,076	£0	£0	£0	£0	£349	£1,348	£380	£557	£0	£15,710	£852,105

Civic Car Costs	£8,576
------------------------	---------------

Remuneration:

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

Telephone & ICT Allowances:

The element of the Councillor's telephone expenses that relates directly to their duties as a Councillor is reimbursed. The level will vary from Councillor to Councillor depending on the amount of Council business that they conduct over the telephone.

Training and Conference Expenses:

Councillor attendance at Conferences is recommended by officers and approved by the General Purposes Panel - the costs shown reflect the conference cost including any accommodation

Travel and subsistence:

These 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 and Police and Fire Joint Boards. Councillors may claim subsistence when they are carrying out Council business away from home outwith their Ward or away from Council premises.

Provost Allowance:

This allowance is paid to offset expenditure incurred by the Provost carrying out civic duties. The maximum yearly allowance prescribed by Regulation for South Ayrshire Council is £3,000, this allowance has not been claimed in 2025/26

Claimed/Paid Direct:

The regulations now require authorities to distinguish between expenses claimed by the Councillor and those paid directly by the Council.