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**Request for Information: Ref NCC-035234-18
Councillor Childcare**

Thank you for your request for information relating to councillor childcare. I can now let you have the following information in response to the questions you raised.

- 1. Do you offer a childcare allowance for councillors? Yes**
- 2. Do you offer an adult dependent carers' allowance for councillors? Yes**
- 3. Does i) your childcare allowance and ii) your adult dependent carers' allowance pay for the actual costs members incur for childcare? Yes up to the maximum (£7.50 per child, £15.49 for dependents).**
- 4. If not, what is the maximum payment per hour for i) childcare and ii) adult dependent care? See above**
- 5. Are councillors permitted to claim allowances for more than one dependent for the same period of time? Councillors can claim for more than one child but only one adult dependent per household.**
- 6. Are councillors who receive Carers Allowance from the Government able to claim the council's dependent carers allowance? This is not prohibited within the Council's Scheme. Individual Councillors would need to be mindful of any rules relating to Carers Allowance claims.**
- 7. Is there a maximum payment over the course of a year or any other period of time for dependent carers' allowance for councillors? No**
- 8. What are the requirements in terms of the standard or formality of care that must be met for councillors to receive payments for i) childcare and ii) adult dependent care? This is not specified within the Scheme although payments to another member of the Councillor's household are not permitted. Any queries about the formality of an arrangement would be subject to further discussions with the Council's Monitoring Officer.**
- 9. Do dependent carers allowances cover all council related business, including all committee meetings, ad-hoc meetings with council staff or other councillors, surgeries, and other related council business? The allowances are payable for all duties listed in Schedule 2 of the Allowances Scheme – namely:**

SCHEDULE 2

**APPROVED DUTIES (TRAVELLING AND SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCES)
FOR COUNCILLORS**

Approved Duties (Travelling and Subsistence Allowances) For Councillors

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Travel Expenses will be paid to Members when they are undertaking their duties as a County Councillor.

Duties covered include:-

1. Attendance at Council meetings or Joint Committees and attendance at Council offices or establishments.
2. Attendance at conference, seminars or other training or learning events, in connection with the functions of the County Council and related to your role as an elected representative, where no fee is payable. (N.B. Travel Claim Form must clearly state the title of the event).
3. Anywhere within the County area, in connection with the functions of the County Council and related to your role as an elected representative (N.B. Travel Claim Form must clearly state the purpose of the visit).
4. Attendance at any meeting or events of Outside Bodies or organisation to which you have been appointed by the Council unless a fee or allowance is paid by that body to you to cover such expenses. If such a body has its own travel scheme, claims should be made to that body.
5. Meetings of Political Groups are not covered unless they have been arranged solely for the purpose of discussing County Council business or are requested by the Chief Executive to discuss a particular issue.
6. Travel outside of the County Council administrative boundaries is also claimable where it can be evidenced that this is essential for County Council related business or conference, seminar or training or learning event where no fee is payable.
7. Travel expenses may be payable for events not covered above but this will be with approval of the Monitoring Officer in consultation with the Chair of the Governance and Ethics Committee.

We hope this now satisfies your request, and should you have any further enquiries please do not hesitate to contact me directly using the contact details below. In addition and for future reference Nottinghamshire County Council regularly publish previous Freedom of Information Requests and answers on our website, under Disclosure logs, available at the following link:

<http://site.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/thecouncil/democracy/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log/>

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Yours sincerely

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