

**Thurrock Council – Summary of Allowances for Financial Year 2024-28**

Type	Allowance Per Annum
<b>BASIC ALLOWANCE</b> (“BA”) (for all Members x 49)	£10,197
<b>SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY ALLOWANCES</b> (“SRA”)	
Note: SRAs are paid in addition to BA, but no Councillor shall be entitled to payment of more than one SRA regardless of the number of remunerable posts they hold. If a Councillor holds more than one post which attracts an SRA, it will be assumed they will be paid the higher SRA.	
Leader	£35,690 (350% of BA)
Deputy Leader	£19,630 (55% of Leader’s SRA)
Cabinet Members ( <u>other than</u> Leader and Deputy)	£14,276 (40% of Leader’s SRA)
Leader of the Main Opposition+^	£ 14,276 (40% of Leader’s SRA) (If two main opposition groups are equal in size, each group leader will be paid 100% of BA.)
Deputy Leader of the Main Opposition	£2,677 (25% of Main Opposition Leader SRA)  (But if opposition group has less than 17 members, namely one third of the Council, then this SRA is not payable.)
Leader of Other Opposition*	£ 2,677 (25% of Main Opposition Leader SRA)  (But if opposition group has less than 4 members then this SRA is not payable.)
Chairs of Scrutiny Committees (x 6)	£ 8,923 (25% of Leader’s SRA)
Vice-Chairs of Scrutiny Committees (x 6)	£ 2,231 (25% of Chair’s SRA)
Chair of Planning Committee	£ 10,707 (30% of Leader’s SRA)
Vice-Chair of Planning Committee	£ 2,677 (25% of Chair’s SRA)
Chair of Licensing Committee	£ 7,138 (20% of Leader’s SRA)
Vice Chair of Licensing Committee	£ 6,067 (85% of Chair’s SRA)

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Chair of Standards and Audit Committee	£ 2,677	(10% of Leader's SRA)
Chair of Corporate Parenting Committee	£ 2,677	(10% of Leader's SRA)
<b>CIVIC ALLOWANCES</b>		
The Allowances for the Mayor and Deputy Mayor are payable under sections 3(5) and 5(4) of the Local Government Act 1972.		
Mayor	£16,061	(45% of Leader's SRA)
Deputy Mayor	£ 4,015	(25% of Mayor's SRA)
<b>CO-OPTED MEMBERS' ALLOWANCE</b>		
Audit Committee	£ 1,249	(35% of Chair of Standards & Audit SRA)
Statutory Co-opted Members on Scrutiny Committees	£ 357	(4% of Chair's SRA)
<b>INDEPENDENT PERSON(S) ALLOWANCE</b>		
Independent Person(s)	£ 1,249	(35% of Chair of Standards & Audit SRA)
<b>TRAVELLING ALLOWANCES</b>		
Mileage to be claimed for out of Borough approved duties only	<p>Rates:</p> <p>Cars: 45p per mile (up to 10,000 miles), 25p per mile thereafter (such allowance to also apply to electric/hybrid vehicles).</p> <p>Motor cycles: 24p per mile</p> <p>Bicycles: 20p per mile</p> <p>Standard rates for public transport wherever possible, but first class fares may be claimed in exceptional circumstances.</p>	
<b>SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCES</b>		
For out of Borough approved duties only	<p><b>Day rates</b> (actual):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Breakfast (away from home before 6.00am) - £6.72</li> <li>• Lunch (away between 12.00 noon and 2.00pm) - £9.28</li> <li>• Tea Allowance (attendance at a venue</li> </ul>	

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	between 3.00pm – 6.00pm) - £3.67 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evening (away after 8.00pm) - £11.49 (unless leaving home after 6.00pm).</li> </ul> <b>Overnight:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Normal - £109.56</li> <li>London and conferences - £124.97</li> </ul>
<b>DEPENDANTS' CARERS' ALLOWANCE</b>	
Basic "sitters" allowance	To be linked to National Minimum Wage
Professional carers	Professional care should be based at cost upon production of receipts and in the case of professional/ specialist care a requirement of medical evidence that this type of care be required, the allowance should have no daily or monthly maximum claim when undertaking Approved Councillor Duties. This will also include any booking fees incurred.
Specialist carers	Professional care should be based at cost upon production of receipts and in the case of professional/ specialist care a requirement of medical evidence that this type of care be required, the allowance should have no daily or monthly maximum claim when undertaking Approved Councillor Duties. This will also include any booking fees incurred.
Booking fees	See above.

+ To qualify as 'Main Opposition', the group must have at least 17 members.

^ If two or more parties have an equal number of membership, all their leaders will receive the same allowance.

\*To qualify for this SRA, the membership of 'other' opposition groups must have a minimum of four elected Members.