

Carers Allowance

Council agreed to adopt the following as criteria for the payment of a Carer's Allowance to Councillors.

Payment for the Care of Councillors' Dependants

- (a) Councillors shall be reimbursed, all reasonable costs, for costs actually incurred in providing care for any of the following who are at the time part of the claimant's household living with him/her and who would normally be looked after by him/her, whilst the claimant is undertaking an "approved duty":-***
- children under the age of 14***
 - vulnerable adults***
 - vulnerable children over the age of 14***
- (b) In addition to living as part of the claimant's household the dependant must be unable to be left unsupervised by the carer.***
- (c) The carer must not be someone who also ordinarily lives with the claimant as part of the household.***
- (d) For the purposes of (a) above:-***
- (i) "approved duty" would be a duty under the Council's scheme as shown in Schedule 2 to this scheme.***
 - ii) Cost incurred will be reimbursed subject to receipts being submitted.***
- e) The claimant must register they have a dependent child with them under the age of 14. The claimant must produce a receipt for payments he/she has made to the carer (this may be a family Member not normally resident at the Member's home address) and must sign a certificate which, amongst other things, will state that the costs were properly and necessarily incurred in the course of, or to permit, him/her undertaking his/her duties as a Councillor.***