

Members' Salaries & Expenses 2025/26

The Local Government (Allowances and Expenses) (Scotland) Regulations 2007 as amended, 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 Dumfries and Galloway Council for the year ending 31 March 2026 were as follows:

Members Name	Designation	D&G Post Held	Other Bodies Post Held	Committee or Other Bodies	Salary	Car & Van Mileage Expenses		Other Travel		Total Travel	Subsistence		Training & Conference Costs		Telephone & ICT Expenses		Other Allowances & Expenses	Civic Allowance	Total Expenses	Expenses Reimbursed From Outside Bodies	Total Salary & Expenses	
						Claimed by & Reimbursed to Councilor	Met directly by Council	Claimed by & Reimbursed to Councilor	Met directly by Council		Accommodation	Meals	Claimed by & Reimbursed to Councilor	Met directly by Council								
Andrew Ferguson	Member for North West Dumfries	Senior Councillor		Chair Economy & Infrastructure	30,467.31	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	41.03	120.00	-	-	161.03	-	30,628.34
Andrew Guest	Member for Stranraer and the Rhins	Councillor			27,112.08	3,083.25	-	-	-	3,083.25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,102.45	-	30,214.53
Andrew McFarlane	Member for Dee and Glenkens	Senior Councillor		Chair Social Work	30,467.31	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21.70	-	-	-	21.70	-	30,489.01
Andrew Wood	Member for Mid and Upper Nithsdale	Councillor			25,900.56	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	34.20	-	-	-	34.20	-	25,934.76
Antony Berretti	Member for Mid and Upper Nithsdale	Senior Councillor		Vice Chair Economy & Infrastructure, Vice Chair Planning Applications Committee	30,718.81	4,456.15	-	-	-	4,456.15	-	-	-	-	-	49.53	-	-	-	4,505.68	-	35,224.49
Archie Dryburgh	Member for Annandale East and Eskdale	Councillor	Association for Public Service Excellence (APSE)	Reimbursement of APSE Fees	28,819.83	-	-	198.20	179.06	377.26	-	-	-	-	-	60.70	-	-	-	437.96	-	29,257.79
Benjamin Dashper	Member for Stranraer and the Rhins	Senior Councillor		Vice Chair Enabling & Customer Services	30,467.31	2,112.35	-	-	-	2,112.35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	847.50	32,643.86
Carolyn Wilson	Member for Annandale North	Senior Councillor		Vice Chair Audit, Risk and Scrutiny	30,467.31	583.20	-	-	43.56	626.76	-	86.38	15.00	475.00	-	64.20	-	-	-	2,176.55	-	31,712.60
Christine Hill	Member for Stranraer and the Rhins	Councillor			27,112.08	1,507.50	-	-	-	1,507.50	-	-	-	-	-	34.20	212.50	-	-	1,754.20	-	28,866.28
David Inglis	Member for Mid Galloway and Wigton West	Councillor			25,900.56	268.20	-	-	-	268.20	-	-	-	-	-	21.18	-	-	-	289.38	-	26,189.94
David Slater	Member for Nith	Councillor			25,900.56	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	31.15	-	-	-	31.15	-	25,931.71
Davie Stitt	Member for Abbey	Councillor			25,900.56	108.00	-	-	-	108.00	-	-	-	-	-	51.98	-	-	-	159.98	-	26,060.54
Denis Male	Member for Annandale East and Eskdale	Councillor			25,900.56	2,322.00	-	-	-	2,322.00	-	-	-	-	-	19.53	-	-	-	2,341.53	-	28,242.09
Douglas Campbell	Member for Dee and Glenkens	Senior Councillor		Chair Climate, Environment and Biodiversity Sub Committee	30,467.31	534.60	-	-	-	534.60	-	-	-	-	-	19.34	-	-	-	553.94	-	31,021.25
Emma Jordan	Member for North West Dumfries	Councillor			25,900.56	684.45	-	-	-	684.45	-	-	-	-	-	54.44	-	-	-	738.89	-	26,639.45
Gail Macgregor	Member for Annandale North	Senior Councillor	Resources Spokesperson	Chair Audit, Risk & Scrutiny COSLA	35,492.43	2,701.80	-	457.31	-	3,159.11	-	-	670.00	-	-	59.67	-	-	-	3,888.78	-	39,381.21
George Jamieson	Member for Annandale South	Senior Councillor		Vice Chair Education, Skills & Community Wellbeing	30,467.31	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19.67	-	-	-	19.67	-	30,486.98
Graham Bell	Member for North West Dumfries	Councillor			25,900.56	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25,900.56
Iain Howie	Member for Castle Douglas and Crocketford	Councillor			25,900.56	94.50	-	-	-	94.50	-	-	-	-	-	19.53	-	-	-	114.03	-	26,014.59
Ian Blake	Member for Abbey	Councillor			27,112.08	370.35	-	-	-	370.35	-	-	-	-	-	15.23	-	-	-	385.58	-	27,497.66
Ian Carruthers	Member for Annandale South	Councillor			27,112.08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19.20	-	-	-	19.20	-	27,131.28
Ivor Hyslop	Member for Lochar	Councillor			27,112.08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	54.90	-	-	-	54.90	-	27,166.98
Jackie McCammon	Member for Mid Galloway and Wigton West	Councillor			27,112.08	220.50	-	-	-	220.50	-	-	-	-	-	41.04	-	-	-	179.46	-	28,332.62
James Dempster	Member for Mid and Upper Nithsdale	Senior Councillor		Chair Planning Applications	31,678.82	712.35	-	-	-	712.35	-	-	-	-	-	176.82	-	-	-	889.17	-	32,567.99
John Campbell	Member for Nith	Senior Councillor		Chair Enabling & Customer Services	30,467.31	250.20	-	35.20	-	285.40	-	-	-	-	-	34.20	-	-	-	319.60	-	30,786.91
John Denerley	Member for Dee and Glenkens	Councillor			25,900.56	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	56.40	-	-	-	56.40	-	25,956.96
John Young	Member for Castle Douglas and Crocketford	Senior Councillor		Vice Chair Social Work	30,467.31	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25.95	-	-	-	25.95	-	30,493.26
Karen Carruthers	Member for Annandale East and Eskdale	Councillor			25,900.56	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	58.09	-	-	-	58.09	-	25,958.65
Katie Hagmann	Member for Mid Galloway and Wigton West	Convener, Civic Head and Depute Leader	Resources Spokesperson	Dumfries and Galloway Council Full Council Reimbursement of COSLA Fees	35,031.74	2,906.55	-	220.50	-	3,127.05	-	-	-	-	-	83.38	-	-	-	3,210.43	-	38,242.17
Keith Walters	Member for Nith	Councillor			25,900.56	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14.19	-	-	-	14.19	-	25,914.75
Kimbra Lowe	Member for Abbey	Senior Councillor		Vice Chair Tackling Poverty & Inequalities	30,467.31	331.20	-	-	-	331.20	-	-	-	-	-	13.53	-	-	-	344.73	-	30,812.04
Linda Dorward	Member for Lochar	Councillor			25,900.56	46.80	-	-	-	46.80	-	-	-	-	-	67.53	-	-	-	114.33	-	26,014.89
Lynne Davis	Member for Annandale North	Councillor			27,112.08	228.60	-	-	-	228.60	-	-	-	-	-	13.20	-	-	-	241.80	-	27,353.88
Malcolm Johnstone	Member for Nith	Councillor			28,323.03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	34.20	-	-	-	34.20	-	28,357.23
Maureen Johnstone	Member for Lochar	Councillor			27,112.08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	34.20	-	-	-	34.20	-	27,146.28
Paula Stevenson	Member for North West Dumfries	Councillor			25,900.56	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	34.86	-	-	-	34.86	-	25,935.42
Pauline Drysdale	Member for Dee and Glenkens	Councillor			27,112.08	312.30	-	-	-	312.30	-	-	-	-	-	147.30	-	-	-	459.60	-	27,571.68
Richard Bradie	Member for Annandale South	Senior Councillor		Chair Tackling Poverty & Inequalities	31,678.82	560.70	-	-	-	560.70	78.60	-	475.00	-	-	138.45	-	-	-	1,252.75	-	32,931.57
Richard Marsh	Member for Mid Galloway and Wigton West	Councillor			27,112.08	834.30	-	-	-	834.30	-	-	-	-	-	19.20	-	-	-	853.50	-	27,965.58
Sean Marshall	Member for Annandale South	Councillor			25,900.56	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	188.18	-	-	-	188.18	-	26,088.74
Stephen Thompson	Member for Annandale North	Leader of the Council			46,125.33	2,860.20	-	24.60	172.79	3,057.59	-	-	195.00	-	-	34.53	150.00	-	-	3,437.12	-	49,562.45
Tracey Little	Member for Lochar (Provost)	Senior Councillor		Chair Education, Skills & Community Wellbeing	30,467.31	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	52.53	-	-	-	52.53	-	30,519.84
Julie Currie	Member for Stranraer and the Rhins	Councillor			9,400.06	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.66	-	-	-	4.66	-	9,404.72
William Scobie	Member for Stranraer and the Rhins	Councillor			12,819.58	1,886.85	-	-	-	1,886.85	-	-	-	-	-	31.66	13.75	-	-	1,904.76	-	14,724.34
					1,228,490.19	29,535.90	-	935.81	395.41	30,867.12	-	164.98	15.00	-	1,815.00	212.50	2,056.83	256.25	-	35,387.68	-	1,263,030.37

Remuneration

Under the Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004 (Remuneration) Regulations 2007 as amended, there are four levels of remuneration payments for Councillors, depending on the responsibilities of the Councillor.

These are the Leader of the Council, Depute Leader, Senior Councillor and Councillor. A Senior Councillor is a Councillor who holds a position of significant position of responsibility in the Council's Political Management Structure. All other Councillors, other than the Leader of the Council and the Convener will receive the basic remuneration as prescribed by the Regulations. Remuneration is subject to income tax and national insurance deductions.

Travel and Subsistence

These expenses 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.

Car expenses met directly by Council represent the capital and running costs of pool cars used by Councillors that equates to an average of 30p per mile.

Telephone and ICT Expenses

The Council provides elected members with mobiles and broadband facilities to enable them to carry out Council business. Such costs are met directly by the Council but require to be published as a cost to the Councillor in the above table. Device costs such as mobile phones and laptops are not disclosed, as it is Council policy that these are returned and recycled within the organisation.

Depute Leader's Civic Allowance

This allowance is paid to offset expenditure by the Convener carrying out Civic duties. The maximum yearly allowance prescribed by Regulation for Dumfries and Galloway Council is £3,000.

Accruals Basis

Total remuneration disclosed in the above table is presented on an accrual basis. As such, the automatic accrual can create minor differences on the time period pay is allocated to

Additional Payments and Roles within Other Bodies

Archie Dryburgh received payments of £1,707.75 within 2025/26 for their role with APSE (Association for Public Service Excellence). Dumfries and Galloway Council have been reimbursed £847.50.

Katie Hagmann and Gail Macgregor both have national roles within COSLA.

COSLA has an agreement with all Scottish Councils that the Council concerned will bear the first £2,500 of any expenses in relation to the attendance of reps to COSLA meetings and that COSLA will reimburse any costs in excess of that.

Other Expenses and Allowances

Includes postage, room hire and any other expenses which are out with the other headings

By-Election

William Scobie retired during the year. Julie Currie was elected in a by-election in November 2025, filling the vacancy created by William Scobie's retirement.