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## Childcare Allowances Councillors

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### Information Request

1. *Do you offer a childcare allowance for councillors?*
  2. *Do you offer an adult dependent carers' allowance for councillors?*
  3. *Does i) your childcare allowance and ii) your adult dependent carers' allowance pay for the actual costs members incur for childcare?*
  4. *If not, what is the maximum payment per hour for i) childcare and ii) adult dependent care?*
  5. *Are councillors permitted to claim allowances for more than one dependent for the same period of time?*
  6. *Are councillors who receive Carers Allowance from the Government able to claim the council's dependent carers allowance?*
  7. *Is there a maximum payment over the course of a year or any other period of time for dependent carers' allowance for councillors?*
  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?*
  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?*
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### Response by Lewes District Council

I have carefully considered your request and investigated whether there is any additional information available that is not already publicly available.

I have determined that the information you have requested is already publicly available, and therefore under the Freedom of Information Act (2000), Section 21 (information accessible to applicant by other means) this information is exempt from requiring further action in order to make it accessible to you and the general public.

The above exemption specifies that where information is already reasonably accessible to the applicant there is no duty for the local authority to provide any additional copy of the material. This may include information for which a charge applies.

This exemption also requires the local authority to inform you where this information is available from and how to access it. This information is publically available on our website in Part 6 of the Constitution at the link below:

<https://www.lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk/about-the-councils/constitutions/?p=2>

**Part 6**