
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2019 No. 174

**The Local Government (Payments to
Councillors) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2019**

PART 2

SCHEMES FOR COUNCILLORS' ALLOWANCES

Special responsibility allowance

5.—(1) A council may, in addition to any allowance under regulation 4, make a payment to a councillor by way of an allowance (“special responsibility allowance”), if the council is satisfied that the councillor has special responsibilities in relation to the discharge of the functions of the council.

(2) The amount of special responsibility allowance paid to each councillor shall be determined by the council; but shall not exceed one fifth of the department’s limit on special responsibility allowances for that council.

(3) Where any period, for which the councillor is entitled to a special responsibility allowance, is less than a year, the amount payable for the period shall be the relevant proportionate part of the yearly rate.

(4) Subject to paragraph (5), a special responsibility allowance may not be paid to more than fifty per cent of the councillors of the council (calculated using the total number of seats on the council and by rounding up the number of councillors to the next whole number when, in calculating the percentage, the number is not a whole number).

(5) A council may, where it considers it necessary to do so, apply to the Department for permission to pay a special responsibility allowance to more than fifty per cent of its councillors.

(6) A council may not pay more than one special responsibility allowance to a councillor.