

Comparison with Other Local Authorities

Authority	Number of Councillors	Basic Allowance	Leader	Deputy Leader	Leader of the largest Opposition group	Deputy Leader of largest Opposition group	Cabinet Member	Deputy Cabinet Member	Scrutiny Co-ordination Chair	Scrutiny Co-ordination Deputy Chair	Scrutiny Chairs	Audit Chair	Audit Deputy Chair	Planning Chair
Black Country Councils:														
Dudley	72	10,737	25,213	19,940	11,290	8,919	14,355		9,560	4,609	9,560	9,560	4,609	11,172
Sandwell	72	11,353	28,092	25,282	9,569		16,856		9,355	5,618	9,355	9,355		11,237
Wolverhampton	60	9,793	25,000	20,000	15,000	2,500	15,000		15,000	2,500	10,000	10,000	2,500	15,000
Walsall	60	11,369	23,298	15,214	7,579		11,660		7,579		7,579	7,579		7,579
Average		10,813	25,401	20,109	10,860	5,710	14,468		10,374	4,242	9,124	9,124	3,555	11,247
West Midlands Metropolitan Councils:														
Coventry	54	14,490	26,081	18,832	5,345	2,673	11,593	3,940	11,593	2,901	7,248	7,248	2,901	7,248
Dudley	72	10,737	25,213	19,940	11,290	8,919	14,355		9,560	4,609	9,560	9,560	4,609	11,172
Sandwell	72	11,353	28,092	25,282	9,569		16,856		9,355	5,618	9,355	9,355		11,237
Solihull	51	10,000	24,215	11,623	9,686		9,686		7,748		7,748	826		7,748
Wolverhampton	60	9,793	25,000	20,000	15,000	2,500	15,000		15,000	2,500	10,000	10,000	2,500	15,000
Walsall	60	11,369	23,298	15,214	7,579		11,660		7579		7,579	7,579		7,579
Average		11,290	25,317	18,482	9,745	4,697	13,192	3,940	10,139	3,907	8,582	7,428	3,337	9,997
CIPFA Nearest Neighbours:														
Coventry	54	14,490	26,081	18,832	5,345	2,673	11,593	3,940	11,593	2,901	7,248	7,248	2,901	7,248
Bolton	60	11,644	31,294	18,775	10,555	6,333	7,140		5,100		5,100			8,177
Bradford MBC	90	13,463	37,056	18,528	25,939	16,675	25,939		12,970		12,970	12,970		12,970
Derby	51	11,523	34,569	25,927	8,642	4,321	17,285		8,642	2,161	8,642	6,050		8,642
Dudley	72	10,737	25,213	19,940	11,290	8,919	14,355		9,560	4,609	9,560	9,560	4,609	11,172
Kirklees	69	14,002	26,364	19,772	11,577	3,860	12,863		11,577		6,432	2,572		6,432
Oldham MBC	60	9,709	29,128	20,390	14,564	5,826	17,477	7,282	8,738			2,148		8,738
Peterborough	60	10,508	31,524	21,017	7,881		15,762				7,881	7,881		9,457
Rochdale	60	10,451	31,353	15,677	10,850		14,109		7,838			6,271		10,451
Sandwell	72	11,353	28,092	25,282	9,569		16,856		9,355	5,618	9,355	9,355		11,237
Sheffield	84	12,339	19,091	9,545	7,890		9,545		7,890		7,890			5,536
Wolverhampton	60	9,793	25,000	20,000	15,000	2,500	15,000		15,000	2,500	10,000	10,000	2,500	15,000
Walsall	60	11,369	23,298	15,214	7,579		11,660		7,579		7,579	7,579		7,579
Average		11,645	28,313	19,146	11,283	6,388	14,583	5,611	9,654	3,558	8,423	7,421	3,337	9,434

- Notes:
1. Comparator local authorities are those identified by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy using a model that identifies the closest match across a range of socio economic indicators including population, demograp
 2. Comparison data from local authority websites.
 3. There are some variations to the way in which local authorities report their figures which may mean that they are not all directly comparable
 4. Roles for which authorities pay an SRA vary and are not always comparable. The figures included here are where the title of a role appears to match most closely a similar role in Wolverhampton.
 5. Some authorities pay allowances for roles not included in Wolverhampton's scheme.
 6. Four of the West Midlands Metropolitan Councils (Coventry, Dudley, Sandwell and Walsall) are also identified as CIPFA nearest neighbours and appear in both tables

- 7. As civic allowances are governed by different legislation from that dealing with Members Allowances schemes, some authorities do not include them in their actual spend and for others its not immediately apparent.
- 8. The way payments are made to opposition leaders, deputies and spokesperson vary more from one authority to another than most other payments. Some pay only allowances only for the largest opposition group, while many link the level of payment to the number of members in the group. eg the level of allowance in Sandwell ranges from £1,367 to £9,569 depending on the size of the opposition group. The rates shown here are the highest given - further analysis can be provided if required.
- 9. Where included, co-opted allowances can vary based on the role co-opted e.g. the level of allowance in Birmingham ranges from £602 to £1,082.
- 10. The rate for Kirklees' Fostering Panel Members is a day rate.
- 11. Some (but not all) Member Allowance Schemes include provisions for applying Carer's allowances, without specifying rates for Independent and Professional Care.

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Authority	Planning Deputy Chair	Licensing Chair	Licensing Deputy Chair	Ethics Cttee Chair	Fostering Panel Member	Adoption Panel Member	Co-optee	Mayor/ Lord Mayor	Deputy Mayor/ Deputy Lord Mayor	Car Higher rate	Lower Rate	Motor Motor Cycle	Bicycle Bicycle
Black Country Councils:													
Dudley	5,234	9,560	4,609										
Sandwell	5,618	11,237	5,618	9,355	5,618	5,618		21,380	8,552				
Wolverhampton	5,000	15,000	5,000	10,000				20,000	5,000				
Walsall		4,737											
Average	5,284	10,134	5,076	9,678	5,618	5,618	#DIV/0!	20,690	6,776	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!
West Midlands Metropolitan Councils:													
Coventry	2,901	7,248	2,901	1,125	2,901	2,901	525						
Dudley	5,234	9,560	4,609										
Sandwell	5,618	11,237	5,618	9,355	5,618	5,618		21,380	8,552				
Solihull		3,875		3,875	2,906	2,906		15,447	1,005				
Wolverhampton	5,000	15,000	5,000	10,000				20,000	5,000				
Walsall		4,737											
Average	4,688	8,610	4,532	6,089	3,808	3,808	525	18,942	4,852	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!
CIPFA Nearest Neighbours:													
Coventry	2,901	7,248	2,901	1,125	2,901	2,901	525						
Bolton	2,813	7,740	2,521							0.48	0.43		0.20
Bradford MBC		12,970		3,706	2,965	2,965	597			0.45	0.45	0.24	0.20
Derby	4,321	8,642	4,321				500	8,642		0.45	0.45	0.15	0.15
Dudley	5,234	9,560	4,609										
Kirklees		5,147			119	1,285		15,289	6,798	0.45	0.45	0.24	0.20
Oldham MBC		8,738		679			397	15,233	2,993	0.45	0.45		
Peterborough		7,881					250	12,000	3,600	0.45	0.45		
Rochdale		10,451								0.45	0.45	0.24	0.20
Sandwell	5,618	11,237	5,618	9,355	5,618	5,618		21,380	8,552				
Sheffield		5,536	3,182				744			0.45	0.45	0.24	0.20
Wolverhampton	5,000	15,000	5,000	10,000				20,000	5,000				
Walsall		4,737											
Average	4,315	8,837	4,022	4,973	2,901	3,192	502	15,424	5,389	0	0	0	0

Notes:

- 1. Comparator local authorities are those with high deprivation
- 2. Comparison data from local authority websites
- 3. There are some variations to the way in which authorities calculate SRA values
- 4. Roles for which authorities pay an SRA value are highlighted in blue
- 5. Some authorities pay allowances for roles not included in the SRA
- 6. Four of the West Midlands Metropolitan Councils do not have a Mayor or Lord Mayor

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Comparison with Other Local Authorities		Carers	
Authority	Subsistence	Independent	Professional
	Subsistence	Independent	Professional
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Black Country Councils:

Dudley			
Sandwell			
Wolverhampton			
Walsall			
Average	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!

West Midlands Metropolitan Councils:

Coventry			
Dudley			
Sandwell			
Solihull			
Wolverhampton			
Walsall			
Average	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!

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