

## **APPENDIX A**

### **South Hams District Council**

#### **Dependants' Carers' Allowance**

An allowance of up to £5.80 per hour (or part) (equivalent to the minimum wage in local government) may be claimed when a carer for a dependent has been engaged to enable a councillor to carry out an approved duty (as specified in Schedule 1).

A carer will be any responsible person who does not normally live with the councillor as part of that councillor's family.

An allowance will be payable if the dependant being cared for:

- is a child under the age of 14
- is an elderly person; or
- has a recognised physical or mental disability

who normally lives with the councillor as part of that councillor's family and should not be left unsupervised.

For meetings or duties within the Council's boundaries, the allowance will be paid for the duration of the meeting or otherwise approved duty plus an allowance for up to one hour's total travelling time before and after the meeting.

The actual cost of care will be reimbursed, up to a maximum of £5.80 per hour.

The level of allowance will be reviewed on an annual basis effective from 1st April and shall be in line with the national minimum wage.