

REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENDITURE

1. Who this policy applies to

- 1.1 This policy applies to all employees of the City Council on permanent or temporary contracts, apart from those employed within schools. This policy does not apply to casual workers, consultants, agency workers or any other workers who are not actual employees of the Council.

2. Travel

- 2.1 If you travel because of work you will be reimbursed in accordance with the [Business Travel Scheme](#).

3. Meals

- 3.1 You are entitled to be reimbursed additional expenditure in the course of your work. Meals will be reimbursed as detailed in paragraph 3.4, subject to receipts being produced. (In exceptional circumstances small sums may be reimbursed without receipts provided there is other evidence of the expenditure and you can explain why it was not possible to obtain a receipt.)
- 3.2 If you fraudulently submit a claim for reimbursement of expenditure this will be treated as gross misconduct.
- 3.3 It is the settled policy of the Council that expenses payable to colleagues should not exceed those available to Councillors.
- 3.4 The allowances set out below are the maximum amount which can be claimed in respect of any expenditure. Amounts claimed within these limits will still have to be justified and approved as set out in section 3 below.

Breakfast (before 11am)	Maximum £5.00 Vat Included
Lunch (12noon - 2pm)	Maximum £5.00 Vat Included
Evening Meal (After 5pm)	Maximum £10.00 Vat Included

- 3.5 These amounts will be updated periodically in line with the provisions for Councillors.

4. Submitting a claim

- 4.1 If you have access to Oracle Self Service you will be required to claim online and this will be authorised online by your line manager. Colleagues without access to Oracle Self Service will be required to submit expenses using paper forms which must be completed and signed by the colleague and then approved by their manager. Claim forms are available from the Employee Service Centre (ESC).
- 4.2 In order for claims to be approved, you must provide a receipt and the expenditure must be necessary and additional to your ordinary expenditure on a meal or travel at the relevant time.
- 4.3 You should deduct £1.00 for breakfast and lunch and £2.00 for an evening meal from all claims in respect of a meal taken at that time in order to take account of ordinary

expenditure. Colleagues and managers must ensure these deductions are made prior to claiming online or on the paper form.

5. Overnight Accommodation

- 5.1 Overnight accommodation should be booked directly using [Click Travel Limited](#). Only where this has not been possible should a retrospective expenses claim be submitted.
- 5.2 Should a retrospective claim be necessary, the cost claimed for overnight accommodation should be contained within the following limits:

Outside Central London	£80 (including breakfast) Vat Inclusive
Central London	£140 (including breakfast) Vat Inclusive

- 5.3 If accommodation is not available within these limits then the actual cost will be met provided it is reasonable. Where attendance at a conference or similar event necessitates an overnight stay, accommodation at the conference hotel or a hotel of an equivalent standard will be arranged and paid for by the Council. For meals taken in connection with the event, the reasonable actual cost will be reimbursed, or paid in accordance with the subsistence rates set out above, subject to production of a receipt to your manager.

6. Expenses incurred whilst attending training

- 6.1 Guidance on the reimbursement of expenses linked to training (other than in respect of meals, travel and accommodation) is set out in the 'Colleague qualification and training support' document on the [Development and Change pages](#) on the intranet.