

#### 4 FOSTERING ALLOWANCES 2014/2015 (AN214-2014)

It is recommended that the undernoted rates for 2014/15 are paid, and backdated to 7 April 2014. Provision for the increased payments has been made within the Social Work Department's Revenue Budget 2014/15.

##### 1. Fostering Allowances

It is recommended that Dundee City Council allowances are increased to represent 95% of the recommended annualised rate set by the Fostering Network for 2014/15, with effect from 7 April 2014. Payments are paid fortnightly, with an additional 5 weeks per annum to cover summer holidays, Christmas and birthday.

##### 2. Foster Carer and ACE Carer Fees

These fees, as previously agreed by Social Work and Health Committee are linked to staff pay scales and it is recommended that these are increased by 1%, in line with the equivalent inflationary staff increases.

##### 3. Kinship and Residence Allowances

The amount paid is the equivalent of Income Support rates. It is recommended that these allowances are increased in line with relevant Income Support rates.

##### 4. Custody Allowances

It is recommended that Custody Allowances are increased by 1%, in line with inflationary staff cost increases.

##### 5. Adoption Age Allowances

It is recommended that Adoption Age Allowances are increased by 1.25% in line with budgeted provision (Child Benefit will continue to be deducted from these allowances if received for the child).

##### 6. Other Allowances

Mileage – to remain at 45p per mile  
Telephone Allowances to remain at £100 per annum.

#### Summary of recommended rates and allowances

Note		2013/14 Weekly Rate £	2014/15 Weekly Rate £
1	Fostering Age Allowance 00-04	130.32	130.97
1	Fostering Age Allowance 05-10	148.45	149.19
1	Fostering Age Allowance 11-15	184.80	185.73
1	Fostering Age Allowance 16-18	224.81	225.94
2	Foster Carer and ACE Carer Fee	148.34	149.82
2	ACE Carer Fee	571.80	577.52
3	Kinship Carer Allowance	65.62	66.33
3	Residence Allowance	65.62	66.33
3	Kinship & Residence Family Premium	17.40	17.45

4	Custody Allowance	96.75	97.18
5	Adoption Age Allowance 00-04	85.60	86.65
5	Adoption Age Allowance 05-10	96.47	97.66
5	Adoption Age Allowance 11-15	120.14	121.62
5	Adoption Age Allowance 16-18	153.37	155.27