

6 FOSTERING ALLOWANCES 2016/2017 (AN27-2016)

It is recommended that the undernoted rates for 2016/17 are paid, effective from 4th April 2016.

1. Fostering, Kinship & Residence Allowances

It is recommended that Dundee City Council allowances are increased by an inflationary amount of 1.25%, with effect from 4th April 2016. Payments will continue to be paid fortnightly, with 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 in line with the equivalent inflationary staff pay increases.

3. Adoption Age Allowances

It is recommended that Adoption Age Allowances are increased by an inflationary amount of 1.25% with effect from 4th April 2016. (Child benefit will continue to be deducted from these allowances if received for the child).

4. Respite & Holidays

In line with the Foster Carer Handbook guidelines, it is recommended that payment of additional respite / holiday allowance is maintained at £21 per day per child.

5. Other Allowances

Allowable Additional Mileage – 45p per mile

Telephone Allowance – £100 per annum (paid in 2 instalments, around June and December)

Summary of recommended rates and allowances:

Note		2015/16 Weekly Rate £	2016/17 Weekly Rate £
1	Fostering, Kinship & Residence Age Allowance 00-04	133.34	135.01
1	Fostering, Kinship & Residence Age Allowance 05-10	151.88	153.78
1	Fostering, Kinship & Residence Age Allowance 11-15	189.07	191.43
1	Fostering, Kinship & Residence Age Allowance 16-18	230.01	232.89
2	Foster Carer Fee	152.07	153.59
2	ACE Carer Fee	586.18	592.04
3	Adoption Age Allowance 00-04	87.71	88.64
3	Adoption Age Allowance 05-10	98.86	99.92
3	Adoption Age Allowance 11-15	123.12	124.49
3	Adoption Age Allowance 16-18	157.19	158.98
4	Holiday allowance	£21 per day	£21 per day