

SEE Members Allowances Survey 1 April 2025 – Comparative table – County and Unitary Councils

| Council | Type | Basic Allowance (£) | Leader SRA (£) | Deputy Leader SRA (£) | Cabinet SRA (£) | Councillors | Total Budget (£) |
|---|---------------|---------------------|----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|-------------|------------------|
| Bracknell Forest Council | Unitary | 9,624 | 32,075 | 19,244 | 17,642 | 41 | 611,620 |
| Brighton & Hove City Council | Unitary | 14,218 | 36,967 | 22,180 | 14,787 | 54 | 1,181,640 |
| Buckinghamshire Council | Unitary | 13,325 | 46,372 | 30,749 | 23,585 | 97 | 2,102,209 |
| East Sussex County Council (2024 data) | County | 14,314 | 40,008 | 20,459 | 17,535 | 50 | 1,005,000 |
| Isle of Wight Council | Unitary | 10,124 | 16,199 | 10,124 | — | 39 | 566,198 |
| Kent County Council | County | 16,267 | 53,493 | 34,771 | 34,771 | 81 | 2,404,300 |
| Medway Council | Unitary | 13,837 | 41,512 | 27,674 | 20,756 | 59 | 1,177,386 |
| Milton Keynes City Council | Unitary | 12,563 | 37,688 | 18,844 | 13,191 | 57 | 954,000 |
| Oxfordshire County Council | County | 13,824 | 41,472 | 27,648 | 22,116 | 69 | 1,368,800 |
| Portsmouth City Council | Unitary | 13,516 | 27,032 | 12,164 | 9,461 | 42 | 650,000 |
| Reading Borough Council | Unitary | 9,521 | 21,426 | 13,087 | 11,003 | 48 | 642,200 |
| Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead | Unitary | 9,348 | 28,044 | 15,423 | 14,022 | 41 | 650,000 |
| Slough Borough Council | Unitary | 9,772 | 25,405 | 17,783 | 13,973 | 42 | 616,000 |
| Southampton City Council | Unitary | 13,900 | 27,800 | — | 13,900 | 51 | 971,005 |
| Surrey County Council | County | 14,410 | 49,820 | 32,290 | 26,080 | 81 | 1,700,000 |
| West Berkshire Council | Unitary | 8,768 | 21,920 | 13,152 | 10,960 | 43 | 561,254 |
| West Sussex County Council | County | 14,450 | 37,491 | 27,141 | 24,125 | 70 | 1,400,000 |
| Wokingham Borough Council | Unitary | 7,784 | 20,000 | — | 10,000 | 54 | 579,860 |

Observations

- **Oxfordshire County Council** sits mid-range for basic allowance and SRAs compared to other counties.
 - Kent and Surrey lead in both basic allowance and SRAs.
 - Total budgets correlate strongly with council size (number of councillors).
 - Unitary councils generally have lower allowances and budgets than counties.
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