



NFYFC Council Members Fares Pool 2016

Review of Council Members Fares Pool carried out December 2013 & revised January 2016

Background

The Council Members Fares Pool is a long-established system created to ensure that the cost of travel to members representing their County Federation on NFYFC Council does not present a barrier. I.e. Members of Council are reimbursed their travel costs, at agreed rates, when attending Council meetings.

The system

Each County pays a fixed sum (currently £188.00 pa per Council place) to NFYFC thereby creating a "pool" (fund) from which Council members can claim their travel expenses. (Those Counties with more than one Council place pay 2 x £188.00, and so on.)

The system is designed to bring equity across the Federation and allows those counties that are geographically the farthest from the YFC Centre to contribute the same amount as those counties that are nearer.

The system is also designed to run at a zero balance at the year-end. I.e. all the funds should be paid out and NFYFC does not make any surplus. The fund does not come into NFYFC's general funds and is ring-fenced for Council Members travel to and from Council and when they are representing the Council to outside bodies. A small part goes towards the catering costs for Council weekends – NFYFC's general funds pay the majority of these costs.

Current situation

County Federations were invoiced £188.00 per Council place for the 2015 year and YFC members could claim 24 pence per mile for road travel and rail travel is claimed against receipt. Total invoice value (188.00 X 61 = £11,468.00)

The average running costs (costs excluding the standing charges that must be paid whether the vehicle is used or not) per mile for vehicles equivalent to a Ford Focus or Peugeot 308 is now (22 January 2016, although the AA's running costs have not been updated since July 2014) **17.44 pence per mile**. It is proposed that the rate to be claimed by Council Members be lowered to **18 pence per mile** (see paper 013-16-A).

The calculations used

*63 county elected members of Council (up from 61 due to growth in membership in some counties) plus 7 Area Chairmen plus 10 co-options = 80 members of council X ave claim of 225 miles per meeting = 18,000 miles. X 3 meetings = 54,000 miles.
54,000 X 18p = £9,720.00.*

Current contributions to Fares Pool is £188.00 x 61 county elected members invoiced = £11,468.00.

Therefore suggest £9,765 is collected and divided by the 63 invoicing units = £155.00

PROPOSAL

Recommended that **Council Members Mileage rate from 01 January 2015 be lowered to 18 pence per mile & the Council Members Fares Pool unit price be lowered to £155.00**. i.e. A county with one council member is invoiced for 1 unit at £155.00 and county with 2 council members is invoiced for 2 units at £155.00 and so on.

Mileage rates

How should NFYFC decide on an appropriate mileage rate? See paper 013-16-A, which details the calculations and the process of establishing a fair rate.

It is important to note that a Council Meeting is a meeting of County Representatives and Counties should therefore consider underwriting the additional costs incurred by their representatives. I.e overnight accommodation.

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