

# TRADES UNION FACILITY TIME REPORT

1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025



## South Ayrshire Council Trade Union Facility Time Report 1 April 2024 – 31 March 2025

Trade Unions play an important role in the modern workplace and there are considerable benefits to both employers and employees when organisations and unions work well together. South Ayrshire Council is committed to working in partnership with our recognised trade unions. This commitment is demonstrated through the Council’s Partnership Working Agreement and its Leave and Pay Arrangements for Trade Union Representatives.

The Trade Union (Facility Time Publication Requirements) Regulations 2017 came into effect on the 1st April 2017. These regulations place a legislative requirement on relevant public sector employers to collate and publish, on an annual basis, a range of data on the amount and cost of facility time within their organisation. The purpose of these regulations is to promote transparency and allow for public scrutiny of facility time.

### The range of data required is detailed below:

#### Facility Time Reporting Tables 2024-25

#### Trade Union Act 2016: Facility Time Reporting from 1 April 2024- 31 March 2025

**Table 1**  
**Relevant union officials**

What was the total number of your employees who were relevant union officials during the relevant period?

Number of employees who were relevant union officials during the relevant period	Full-time equivalent employee number
43	41.74 FTE

*\*This number also includes all those who are recognised as representatives who would be eligible to take time off for trade union duties but have not requested any time off during the reporting period.*

**Table 2**  
**Percentage of time spent on facility time**

How many of your employees who were relevant union officials employed during the relevant period spent a) 0%, b) 1-50%, c) 51-99% or d) 100% of their working hours on facility time?

Percentage of time	Number of employees
0%	<b>0</b>
1-50%	<b>43</b>
51-99%	<b>0</b>
100%	<b>0</b>

**Table 3**  
**Percentage of pay bill spent on facility time**

Provide the figures requested in the first column of the table below to determine the percentage of your total pay bill spent on paying employees who were relevant union officials for facility time during the relevant period.

<i>First Column</i>	<i>Figures</i>
Provide the total cost of facility time	<b>£20,326.54</b>
Provide the total pay bill	<b>£232,862,640</b>
Provide the percentage of the total pay bill spent on facility time, calculated as: (total cost of facility time ÷ total pay bill) x 100	<b>0.0087%</b>

*\*This includes employer costs such as NI and pension contributions where applicable.*

**Table 4**  
**Paid trade union activities**

As a percentage of total paid facility time hours, how many hours were spent by employees who were relevant union officials during the relevant period on paid trade union activities?	<b>32%</b>
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