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Committee Council  
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## Remuneration of elected members 2012/13

### 1. Purpose

To adopt a remuneration proposal for submission to the Remuneration Authority (the Authority).

### 2. The decision-making process and significance

The matter requiring decision in this report has been considered by officers against the requirements of Part 6 of the Local Government Act 2002 (the Act). Part 6 sets out the obligations of local authorities in relation to the making of decisions.

#### 2.1 Significance of the decision

Part 6 requires Greater Wellington to consider the significance of the decision. The term 'significance' has a statutory definition set out in the Act.

Officers have considered the significance of the matter, taking the Council's significance policy and decision-making guidelines into account. Officers recommend that the matter be considered to have low significance.

Officers do not consider that a formal record outlining consideration of the decision-making process is required in this instance.

### 3. Background

The Authority sets the remuneration of elected members of local authorities. Remuneration includes a salary, payment for resource consent hearings, and allowances and expenses.

The Authority has developed a model that provides a remuneration pool for each local authority. The pool is reviewed annually and for regional councils is based on population (30%), expenses (25%), assets (15%), and capital value (30%).

For 2012/13, the Authority has set the Chair's salary at \$161,900. The remuneration pool for elected members, excluding the Chair, has been set at \$739,797, a 0.57% increase over the 2011/12 pool of \$735,607.

The existing pool of \$735,607 has been in place since 1 July 2009.

The Council must determine the way in which the entire pool of \$739,797 is allocated between elected members, excluding the Chair.

#### **4. Recommended remuneration for elected members**

I recommend the remuneration arrangements for 2012/13 detailed in **Attachment 1**. These arrangements apply the 0.57% increase uniformly to all positions.

#### **5. Policy on elected members' allowances and expenses**

The Authority has also sought information on any proposed changes to the Council's policy on elected members' allowances and expenses. The Council last reviewed this policy on 29 June 2011 and the policy was approved by the Authority on 6 July 2011. No changes are proposed for the policy. The current policy is attached as **Attachment 2**.

#### **6. Communication**

The Council's remuneration proposal will be submitted to the Authority for approval.

#### **7. Recommendations**

*That the Council:*

- 1. Receives the report.*
- 2. Notes the content of the report.*
- 3. Adopts the remuneration arrangements for 2012/13, detailed in Attachment 1 to this report.*
- 4. Notes that no changes are proposed to the Policy on Elected Members' Allowances and Expenses.*
- 5. Notes that the remuneration arrangements are subject to approval by the Remuneration Authority.*

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**Attachment 1: Proposed allocation of remuneration pool for 2012/13**  
**Attachment 2: Policy on Elected Members' Allowances and Expenses 2011**

**Proposed allocation of remuneration pool for elected members (excluding Council Chair) for 2012/13**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Number of Councillors in position</b>	<b>Annual salary for 2011/12</b>	<b>Proposed annual salary for 2012/13</b>
Deputy Chair (including Chairperson of Committee)	1	\$77,000	\$77,438
Committee Chair	3	\$73,000	\$73,415
Chair, Audit, Risk and Assurance Committee	1	\$61,607	\$61,958
Councillor	7	\$54,000	\$54,308