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Remuneration of Elected Members

1. Purpose

To adopted a remuneration proposal for submission to the Remuneration Authority.

2. Background

The Remuneration 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 uses 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%).

This year the Authority has increased the base line figures in the model used by 4%. However, this does not translate through to a 4% increase in the pool for Greater Wellington which has increased by 1.9%.

Attachment 1 sets out the pool totals and Chair salaries for 2005/06. The Authority is seeking the Council's recommendations for the distribution of the net pool amongst elected members by 10 May 2005.

3. Recommended remuneration region

Council last adopted a remuneration regime in November 2004 and it is proposed that the same distribution be applied with the new net pool. The result is:

Deputy Chairperson with Committee	\$66,527
Committee Chairperson	\$63,755
Chairperson Planning and Monitoring Sub-committee	\$53,360
Councillor	\$42,727

The Authority has not sought advice on the Council's policy on allowances and expenses and it is recommended that no changes be sought at this time.

4. Communication

The Council's decision will be reported to the Remuneration Authority.

5. Recommendations

*That the Council **adopts** the following annual salaries:*

- *Council Deputy Chairperson with Committee - \$66,527*
- *Committee Chairpersons - \$63,755*
- *Chairperson Planning and Monitoring Sub-committee - \$53,360*
- *Councillors -\$42,727*

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Attachment 1: Letter from Remuneration Authority