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Remuneration of elected members for 2011/12

1. Purpose

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

2. Significance of the decision

The matters for decision in this report do not trigger the significance policy of the Council or otherwise trigger section 76(3)(b) of the Local Government Act 2002.

3. Background

The Remuneration Authority (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 2011/12 the Authority has set the remuneration pool for elected members (excluding the Chair) at \$735,607, which is unchanged from 2010/11. The Authority has separately set the Chair's gross salary for 2011/12 at \$157,500.

The Council must determine the way in which the pool of \$735,607 is allocated between elected members.

4. Recommended remuneration regime

I recommend the remuneration arrangements detailed in **Attachment 1**. These arrangements are unchanged from those adopted by Council on 18 November 2010 (Report 10.615) and approved by the Authority earlier this year.

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 3 March 2011 and the policy was approved by the Authority on 16 March 2011. At this time no changes are proposed for the policy.

6. Communication

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

7. Recommendations

That the Council:

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

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Attachment 1: Proposed remuneration regime for 2011/12