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Committee Council
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Remuneration of elected members for the remainder of 2008/09 and for 2009/10

1. Purpose

To adopt a proposal, for submission to the Remuneration Authority, on the remuneration of elected members for the remainder of 2008/09 and for 2009/10.

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

3.1 2008/09 remuneration

At this meeting the Council is considering a report (Report 09.45) setting out proposed changes to the structure of the Council's committees. Subject to the Council adopting the recommendations contained in Report 09.45, it will also need to consider the allocation of the remuneration pool across elected member positions for the balance of the 2008/09 financial year.

The elected member remuneration pool set by the Remuneration Authority for 2008/09 is \$851,025, inclusive of the Chair's remuneration of \$140,127. After deduction of the Chair's remuneration, \$710,898 is available for allocation across the other elected member positions.

As Report 09.45 proposes that changes to the committee structure take effect from 1 March 2009, it is important that the Council resolves its proposed remuneration arrangements for the remainder of 2008/09 at this meeting. The proposed remuneration arrangements will then be submitted to the Remuneration Authority for approval and the remuneration determined by the Remuneration Authority will be backdated to 1 March 2009.

3.2 2009/10 remuneration

The elected member remuneration pool set by the Remuneration Authority for 2009/10 is \$880,330, inclusive of the Chair's remuneration of \$144,723. After deduction of the Chair's remuneration, \$735,607 is available for allocation across the other elected member positions.

The 2009/10 pool for elected member remuneration set by the Remuneration Authority of \$880,330 is \$29,305 (3.4%) larger than the pool set for 2008/09.

4. Comment

4.1 Allocation of 2008/09 remuneration pool

I propose that the remuneration pool of \$710,898 for elected member positions (excluding the Chair), be allocated as follows:

Proposed remuneration for the remainder of 2008/09	
Position	Remuneration per position
Deputy Council Chairperson with Committee	\$74,001
Committee Chairpersons (3)	\$69,553 each
Chairperson, Finance, Audit and Risk Committee	\$65,001
Councillors (7)	\$51,891 each

4.2 Allocation of 2009/10 remuneration pool

I propose that the remuneration pool of \$735,607 for elected member positions (excluding the Chair), be allocated as follows:

Proposed remuneration for 2009/10	
Position	Remuneration per position
Deputy Council Chairperson with Committee	\$76,516
Committee Chairpersons (3)	\$71,917 each
Chairperson, Finance, Audit and Risk Committee	\$67,216
Councillors (7)	\$53,732 each

4.3 Policy on elected members' allowances and expenses

In determining its proposed allocation of the remuneration pool for 2009/10, the Council is also required to review its policy on elected members' allowances and expenses. The value of allowances provided for in the policy was last increased following the 2007 elections, and a further minor change to the policy was made in 2008. No changes to the policy are proposed at this time.

5. Communication

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

6. Recommendations

That Council:

- (1) *Receives the report.*
- (2) *Notes its contents.*
- (3) *Adopts the following remuneration proposal for the remainder of 2008/09 for Remuneration Authority approval:*
 - *Deputy Council Chairperson with Committee - \$74,001*
 - *Committee Chairpersons - \$69,553 each*
 - *Chairperson, Finance, Audit and Risk Committee - \$65,001*
 - *Councillors - \$51,891 each.*
- (4) *Adopts the following remuneration proposal for 2009/10 for Remuneration Authority approval:*
 - *Deputy Council Chairperson with Committee - \$76,516*
 - *Committee Chairpersons - \$71,917 each*
 - *Chairperson, Finance, Audit and Risk Committee - \$67,216*
 - *Councillors - \$53,732 each.*

- (5) *Agrees that no changes will be made to the Council's policy on elected members' allowances and expenses at this time.*

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