

STRATFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL

SECTION: DEMOCRACY	
POLICY: <u>ELECTED MEMBERS REMUNERATION</u>	
RESPONSIBILITY: Chief Executive	REVIEW DATE: November 2010
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INTRODUCTION

“Elected Members are required to be accountable and responsible for running an affordable, sustainable and efficient District Council.”

Elected Members should therefore be well remunerated for their time, expertise, and efforts.

POLICY STATEMENT

1. That in terms of the Local Government Act 2002 all elected members shall receive the remuneration as determined by the Remuneration Authority as provided for in Schedule 7, Part 1 of the Act.
2. The District Mayor shall receive the annual allowance payable to Chairpersons (Mayors) and the prescribed mileage rate when using a private car to attend official functions, conferences, seminars and Council meetings.
3. The Deputy Mayor shall receive:
 - an annual salary payable to Deputy Mayors and includes payment for deputising on behalf of the District Mayor as and when required.
 - the prescribed mileage rate when using a private car to attend official functions on behalf of the Mayor and to attend Council meetings.
4. A Committee Chairperson of a Council Standing Committee (other than the District Mayor or Deputy Mayor) shall receive:
 - an annual salary payable to members of Council.
 - the prescribed mileage rate when using a private car to attend Council meetings.
5. A member of Council shall receive:
 - the annual salary payable to members of Council.
 - the prescribed mileage rate when using a private car to attend Council meetings.
6. Elected Members appointed as Council Representatives to other organisations shall receive:
 - the prescribed mileage rate when using a private car to attend meetings of such other organisations.
7. Elected Members not being a member of and attending any of Council's standing Committee meetings shall not be paid travelling expenses.

8. Elected Members' attendance at Project Team Meetings, Council Workshops and Field Trips within the district are considered to form part of the annual salary. Where possible such meetings/workshops/field days will be scheduled to coincide with Council's publicly notified meetings.

Where Project Team Meetings, Council Workshops and Field Trips cannot be scheduled to coincide with publicly notified meetings then travelling expenses only will be paid to elected members.

9. Elected Members attending conferences, meetings, Council Tours of other Councils and seminars as a Council representative will be paid travel expenses where a Council resolution has been passed accordingly.
10. Attendance at Local Government NZ Zone Meetings for up to three elected members per meeting will be paid travel expenses.
11. Council has determined to recommend to the Remuneration Authority that the pool for remuneration be allocated by first deducting the Mayoral salary, then dividing the remaining pool amount so that 20% of the amount remaining be paid to the Deputy Mayor and 10% to each of the remaining eight Councillors.