

Central Hawke's Bay District Council – Report

TO: Councillors
FROM: Corporate Services Manager
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FILE REF: ADM1-2100
SUBJECT: **INDICATIVE POOL 2009/10 – ELECTED MEMBER REMUNERATION**

1.0 SUMMARY

The Remuneration Authority is responsible under statute for the setting of local authorities' elected member remuneration.

Each year the Authority adjusts the Mayor's salary and the recommended level of the pool from which elected members are paid.

An increased Mayoral salary and pool for the 2009/10 financial year has been released by the Authority who is now seeking this Council's recommendations in order that the amounts can be gazetted to allow for the revised payments to take effect from 1 July 2009.

The Remuneration Authority has requested a response by 1 April – but the present economic climate has caused many councils to consider whether or not it is fair to accept a rates funded increase.

If the Authority's recommendations are not accepted – then a submission must be made to the Authority to amend their recommendation. Any submission must have the unanimous support of all Councillors.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

THAT

- a) Council does not accept any change to the current level of remuneration for individual members of Council for 2009/10.
- b) Council make a submission to the Remuneration Authority not to increase the pool for Central Hawke's Bay District Council for 2009/10.
- c) The 2009/10 budget be adjusted to reflect this.

3.0 BACKGROUND

The indicative pool for 2009/10 is made up of the following:

Mayor's salary	\$63,864	(previously \$61,935)
Net Pool	\$188,307	(previously \$182,282)

Council will need to decide on the split of the recommended pool – once they have agreed on its value.

This will then be included in an updated Elected Member Remuneration and Expenses Policy.

4.0 OPTIONS

Option 1

Council resolve –

- a) That Council does not accept any change to the current level of remuneration for individual members of Council for 2009/10
- b) That Council make a submission to the Remuneration Authority not to increase the pool for Central Hawke's Bay District Council for 2009/10
- c) That the 2009/10 budget be adjusted to reflect this.

Option 2

Council accept the Remuneration Authority determination.

5.0 STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Council is required under the Local Government Act 2002 to adopt a remuneration and expenses policy in line with rulings made by the Remuneration Authority.

6.0 CONSULTATION

6.1 Internal

All Elected Members

7.0 FINANCIAL

The Remuneration Authority's recommended increase for remuneration for the 2009/10 year has been included in the draft 2009/19 LTCCP.

8.0 STRATEGIC LINKS

- LTCCP 2009/19

9.0 POLICY/DELEGATION REFERENCE

Policy Manual, Document 1.8 - Elected Member Remuneration and Expenses Policy.

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