



Ashburton District Council

AGENDA

An EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of the ASHBURTON DISTRICT COUNCIL will be held as follows:

Date: Thursday 20 March 2008

Venue: Council Chamber
5 Baring Square West
Ashburton

Time: 11.30 am

MEMBERS:

His Worship the Mayor, M B O'Malley
Cr R C Beavan
Cr N A Brown
Cr I J Burgess
Cr J A Everest
Cr K L Holmes
Cr R J Kilworth
Cr J A Kingsbury
Cr L J Leadley
Cr K W P Lowe
Cr P W Reveley
Cr J Sparks
Cr B A Tasker

B LESTER
Chief Executive

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ASHBURTON DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

FILE NO: 1/1/5
DATE: 20 March 2008
REPORT TO: Extraordinary Meeting of Council
FROM: Manager Democracy & Community Services Manager
SUBJECT: Elected Members' Remuneration

4.1 ELECTED MEMBERS' REMUNERATION

4.1.1 SUMMARY

Each year the Remuneration Authority advises councils of the pool available for distribution amongst elected members. The Council is required to advise the Authority of its recommendations for distribution. This year's recommendation is required to be notified by 1 April 2008.

4.1.2 RECOMMENDATION

"1. That the recommended remuneration for Councillors for the year 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009, for consideration by the Remuneration Authority be on a salary only basis as outlined in Model 1 and listed below:

Position	Annual Salary	No.	Total Annual Salaries
Deputy Mayor	\$25,766	1	\$25,766
Committee Chair	\$25,766	3	\$77,298
Councillor	\$17,028	8	\$136,224
Total Salaries			\$239,288

2. That Council adopts the remuneration basis determined by the Remuneration Authority, for the Mayor, for the year 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009 – \$71,067.

3. That the recommended salaries for the Chair and members of the Methven Community Board for the year 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009, for consideration by the Remuneration Authority be as outlined in Model 1 and listed below:

Position	Annual Salary	No.	Total Annual Salaries
Community Board Chair	\$3,136	1	\$3,136
Community Board Member	\$896	4	\$3,584
Total Salaries			*\$6,720

*NB The total salaries figure is half of the remuneration of community board members. The other half is excluded from the indicative pool.

4. That the applicable rules of the Ashburton District Council for the recovery of expenses by elected members and community board members, as approved by the Remuneration Authority on 11 December 2007, be re-confirmed."

4.1.3 BACKGROUND

The Remuneration Authority has advised that the indicative remuneration pool and Mayor's salary which will apply in Ashburton from 1 July 2005, is –

Indicative Pool	317,075
Mayor's Salary	71,067

The Mayor's salary is included in the total indicative pool reducing that amount to \$246,008. This is to be divided amongst Councillors and Community Board Members pursuant to certain formulae which can be seen in the model attached. **Page**

The Authority has made two changes to the calculation of the indicative pools for 2008/ 09.

Previously the value of land under roads was deducted from the total Council assets. This figure has proved increasingly difficult to obtain and the currency of the valuation figures varies widely between councils. Accordingly it was decided to cease making that particular deduction from the gross assets figure supplied by councils. The second change was to move from gross assets to net assets, ie total assets minus total liabilities.

The recommendation incorporates the above changes and a 3% increase in the base rate level of the overall pool. Other upward adjustments are created by increases in Council's expenses and the district's population. The consequence of these changes, all of which reflect the rapid growth of the district and Council's rapidly increasing business activities, is to increase the value placed on the workload of an elected member by 9.17%.

4.1.4 OPTIONS

Council has the option of following the recommendation or adopting such lesser figure as it sees fit, including the status quo.

4.1.5 STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Remuneration, allowances and expenses are set out in Schedule 2 of the Local Government Elected Members Determination 2005.

4.1.6 STRATEGIC LINKS

Not applicable.

4.1.7 FINANCIAL

The expenditure is budgeted.

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