

## Local Government Elected Members (2008/09) Determination 2008

Pursuant to clause 6 of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002 and to the Remuneration Authority Act 1977, the Remuneration Authority makes the following determination (to which is appended an explanatory memorandum).

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**local authority** means a regional council, district council, or city council

**member** means,—

- (a) in relation to a regional council, a chairperson or other member of the regional council;
- (b) in relation to a district council or city council, as the case may be, a mayor or other member of the district council or city council;
- (c) in relation to a community board, a chairperson or other member of the community board

**regional council** means a regional council named in Part 1 of Schedule 2 of the Act.

#### *Regional councils*

#### **5 Remuneration, expenses, and allowances payable to members of regional councils**

- (1) Subject to the other provisions of this determination, the remuneration, expenses, and allowances payable to the members of a regional council are—
  - (a) those set out in Schedule 1; and
  - (b) actual and reasonable expenses and allowances as outlined in council policy and as formally approved by the Remuneration Authority, but subject to the provisions of this determination; and
  - (c) resource consent hearing fees payable in accordance with this determination.
- (2) However, the chairperson of a regional council must not be paid resource consent hearing fees or meeting fees, unless the payment is first approved by the Remuneration Authority.

#### *District councils, city councils, and community boards*

#### **6 Remuneration, expenses, and allowances of elected members of district councils, city councils, or community boards**

- (1) Subject to the other provisions of this determination, the remuneration, expenses, and allowances payable to the elected

- (f) a hearing on an objection against a charge fixed by the local authority under section 36 of the Resource Management Act 1991.
- (2) In this determination, **resource consent hearing** does not include—
  - (a) a hearing of submissions as part of the process of preparation of a district or regional plan or policy statement; or
  - (b) a hearing relating to a change or variation in a district or regional plan or policy statement initiated by the local authority; or
  - (c) a hearing relating to a notice of requirement initiated by the local authority; or
  - (d) any other hearing not specified in subclause (1).

**8 Meaning of hearing time**

- (1) In this determination, **hearing time**—
  - (a) means the time spent by a member in hearing a resource consent hearing; and
  - (b) includes time spent by a member—
    - (i) in formal committee deliberations; and
    - (ii) at a formal pre-hearing meeting under section 99 of the Resource Management Act 1991; and
    - (iii) at a formal site inspection as part of a group inspection or as part of a pre-hearing meeting; and
    - (iv) in determining a notified resource consent application where a formal hearing does not take place.
- (2) In this determination, **hearing time** does not include time spent by a member—
  - (a) in preparing for a resource consent hearing; or
  - (b) in inspecting a site, except where subclause (1)(b)(iii) applies.

**9 Amount of resource consent hearing fee**

- (1) Subject to clause 10, a member who acts as the chairperson of a resource consent hearing is entitled to be paid a fee of \$85 per hour of hearing time.

- 14 Vehicle mileage allowance**
- (1) A local authority may pay a vehicle mileage allowance in accordance with this clause to the following persons if they are not otherwise provided with a vehicle by the local authority:
- (a) its members; and
  - (b) in the case of a district council or a city council, the members of community boards situated within its district.
- (2) The local authority may pay a vehicle mileage allowance for travel by the member, including travel to and from the member's residence, if the travel is—
- (a) in his or her own vehicle; and
  - (b) on the local authority's business; and
  - (c) by the most direct route reasonable in the circumstances.
- (3) The maximum amount of the allowance is \$0.70 per kilometre.

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**Schedule 1**  
**Remuneration, expenses, and allowances**  
**of elected members of regional councils**  
**Auckland Regional Council**

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Office	Annual salary (\$)
Chair	153,884
Deputy Council Chair	44,750
Committee Chair (5)	44,750
Deputy Committee Chair (4)	25,750
Councillor	22,750

Meeting fees	Description
\$230	Per day, in accordance with Council policy as approved by the Remuneration Authority

The maximum amount of meeting fees payable in accordance with this schedule to all elected councillors in respect of the period 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009 must not exceed \$325,658.

**Chair car**  
N/A

Chair car  
Full private use

### Otago Regional Council

Office	Annual salary (\$)
Chair	109,658
Council Deputy Chair	53,454
Committee Chair (5)	44,545
Councillor	35,636

#### Meeting fees

N/A

Chair car  
Full private use

### Southland Regional Council

Office	Annual salary (\$)
Chair	83,051
Council Deputy Chair/Chair, Consents Committee	35,955
Chair, Environmental Management and Regional Services Committees (2)	31,160
Councillor	23,970

#### Meeting fees

N/A

Chair car  
N/A

### Taranaki Regional Council

Office	Annual salary (\$)
Chair	77,562
Deputy Chair	35,987
Committee Chair (2)	35,987
Councillor	25,778

#### Meeting fees

N/A

This determination uses indicative pool totals derived from audited annual accounts for the year ended 30 June 2007 and population figures as at the same date.

Local authority members carry out their responsibilities on a diverse basis. In order to assist the Authority to recognise that diversity, councils and members are given the opportunity of proposing to the Authority remuneration levels appropriate for the responsibilities of each position within the council and its community boards. The Authority then determines the remuneration for each member after considering the council recommendations, any dissenting views, or other factors.

The Authority also determines allowances and expenses. The rules governing these are determined by the Authority and must be available for public scrutiny at each council.

#### **Vehicle mileage allowance**

The Authority has retained the vehicle mileage allowance, in *clause 14* of this determination, at the rate of \$0.70 per kilometre. There were 2 main reasons for retaining the allowance at this rate, notwithstanding the considerable increases in the retail price of motor fuel over the last year.

First, according to the most recent information published by the New Zealand Automobile Association, at \$0.70 per kilometre the allowance more than covers the running cost of a mid-size motor car.

Secondly, it is increasingly apparent to the Authority that the inclusion of a provision for travelling time in the motor vehicle allowance is problematical. It advantages those who use motor vehicles rather than public transport. Furthermore, it provides an incentive for elected members to use private motor vehicles on council business at a time when many councils are encouraging greener, or generally more sustainable, transport and environmental policies.

The Authority intends to review the basis and application of the motor vehicle allowance prior to the 2009/10 Local Government Elected Members Determination.

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30 June 2008

To: All Local Authorities

Attached is an abridged copy of the Local Government Elected Members (2008/09) Determination 2008 which is expected to be gazetted on Thursday 3 July.

Please advise your payroll section of the new rates which are effective from 1 July 2008.

The full determination will be on the [www.legislation.govt.nz](http://www.legislation.govt.nz) website shortly after gazetting.

  
David Oughton  
Chairman

NORTHLAND  
REGIONAL COUNCIL

- 3 JUL 2008

FILE No. 100-1  
N.R.C.

30 June 2008

Hawke's Bay Regional Council  
Northland Regional Council  
Taranaki Regional Council  
Clutha District Council  
Hamilton City Council  
Nelson City Council  
Taupo District Council

Attached is a copy of the Local Government Elected Members Determination (No 2) 2007 Amendment Determination (No 2) 2008 which was notified in the Gazette on Thursday 26 June.

  
David Oughton  
Chairman

	Action	Info
Chair		
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**Local Government Elected  
Members Determination (No 2)  
2007 Amendment Determination  
(No 2) 2008**

Pursuant to clause 6 of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002 and to section 19 of the Remuneration Authority Act 1977, the Remuneration Authority makes the following determination (to which is appended an explanatory memorandum).

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**Determination**

- 1 **Title**  
This determination is the Local Government Elected Members Determination (No 2) 2007 Amendment Determination (No 2) 2008.
  
- 2 **Commencement**  
This determination comes into force on the day after the date of its notification in the *Gazette*.

**Local Government Elected Members  
Determination (No 2) 2007 Amendment  
Determination (No 2) 2008**

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- 3 Principal determination amended**  
This determination amends the Local Government Elected Members Determination (No 2) 2007.
- 4 Schedule 1 amended**
- (1) The item relating to Hawke's Bay Regional Council in Schedule 1 is amended with effect from 28 March 2008 by omitting "105,271" and substituting "101,486".
- (2) The item relating to Northland Regional Council in Schedule 1 is amended by omitting the item relating to Chair and substituting the following item:
- |       |        |               |
|-------|--------|---------------|
| Chair | 95,101 | 10 March 2008 |
|-------|--------|---------------|
- (3) The item relating to Taranaki Regional Council in Schedule 1 is amended by omitting the item relating to Chair and substituting the following item:
- |       |        |                  |
|-------|--------|------------------|
| Chair | 77,416 | 21 November 2007 |
|-------|--------|------------------|
- 5 Schedule 2 amended**
- (1) The item relating to Hamilton City Council in Schedule 2 is amended by omitting the item relating to Mayor and substituting the following item:
- |       |         |                  |
|-------|---------|------------------|
| Mayor | 116,232 | 14 December 2007 |
|-------|---------|------------------|
- (2) The item relating to Nelson City Council in Schedule 2 is amended by omitting the item relating to Mayor and substituting the following item:
- |       |        |                 |
|-------|--------|-----------------|
| Mayor | 88,746 | 21 October 2007 |
|       | 88,001 | 6 December 2007 |
- (3) The item relating to Taupo District Council in Schedule 2 is amended by omitting the item relating to Mayor and substituting the following item:
- |       |        |                  |
|-------|--------|------------------|
| Mayor | 73,883 | 11 February 2008 |
|-------|--------|------------------|

Local Government Elected Members  
Determination (No 2) 2007 Amendment  
Determination (No 2) 2008


Explanatory  
memorandum

- 6 **Schedule 2: meeting fees amended**
- (1) The item relating to meeting fees in the item relating to Clutha District Council is amended with effect from 23 October 2007 by omitting "\$52,000" and substituting "\$64,690".
  - (2) The item relating to meeting fees in the item relating to Taupo District Council is amended with effect from 23 October 2007 by—
    - (a) omitting "\$100" and substituting "\$130"; and
    - (b) omitting "\$54,000" and substituting "\$63,400".

Dated at Wellington this 24<sup>th</sup> day of June 2008.

 Chairperson.

 Member.

 Member.

**Explanatory memorandum**

*This memorandum is not part of the determination, but is intended to indicate its general effect.*

This determination amends the Local Government Elected Members Determination (No 2) 2007. Although the determination comes into force only on the day after the date of its notification in the *Gazette*, the amendments all have retrospective effect.

The amendments in clauses 4 and 5 are as a result of either a change in the use of the car provided by the relevant council for the Mayor or a new vehicle being assigned for private use from the dates shown.

The amendments in clause 6 are a result of unspent meeting fees for the 2006/07 year being carried forward to 2007/08.

**Local Government Elected Members  
Determination (No 2) 2007 Amendment  
Determination (No 2) 2008**

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8 July 2008

**NORTHLAND  
REGIONAL COUNCIL**

10 JUL 2008

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Ms Audrey Grieve  
Council Secretary  
Northland Regional Council  
Private Bag 9021  
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	Action	Info
Chair		
CEO		
Cons: M.		
Mr. B.M.		
E.M.F.E		
Mr. I.S.		
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Mr. M.		
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Dear Ms Grieve

The Authority notes and confirms the reconfirmation by council of the expenses policy approved by the Authority as part of its 2007 review.

Please ensure that a copy of this letter is appended to the document that is available to councils and ratepayers for information.

Yours sincerely



Angela Foulkes  
Member



**NORTHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL  
RULES FOR THE RECOVERY OF EXPENSES**

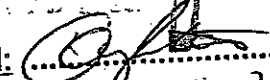
1. Councillors or Committee members may claim reimbursement of travelling and accommodation expenses and cost of meals in attending meetings of the Council and its Committees or meetings of other organisations or conferences at which the Councillor represents the Council.
2. In order to be reimbursed for transport costs incurred in attending meetings with constituents, Councillors must first obtain the approval of the Chairman or the appropriate Committee Chairman and submit a report on the meeting to a subsequent meeting of the Council or Committee.
3. Attendance at Hui a Iwi and pre-hearing site inspections, qualify for payment of travelling and out of pocket expenses.
4. Claimants for payment of mileage allowances are to submit a claim on the form provided by the Council, certifying as to mileage undertaken in attending the meeting. Claims must be made monthly.
5. Claimants for reimbursement of actual and reasonable expenses incurred in attending meetings and conferences shall submit and sign a claim on the form provided by the Council and append receipts or other evidence of payment of the sums claimed.
6. Payment for mileage claimed and other expenses shall be paid monthly.
7. Payment of mileage will be paid at the rate determined by the Higher Salaries Commission from time to time.

**Allowance Paid**

Payment of a monthly allowance of \$125 including GST is paid to each Councillor to meet the costs in providing a computer, fax, phone and cellphone through which they can receive Council communications.

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Signed: 

Date: 1/2/08