

Local Government Elected Members (2026/27) Determination 2026

This determination is made by the Remuneration Authority under the Remuneration Authority Act 1977 and clauses 6 and 7A of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002, after having regard to the matters specified in clause 7 of that schedule.

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Determination

1 Title

This determination is the Local Government Elected Members (2026/27) Determination 2026.

2 Commencement

This determination comes into force on 1 July 2026.

3 Expiry

This determination expires at the close of 30 June 2027.

Interpretation

4 Interpretation

In this determination, unless the context otherwise requires,—

board means—

- (a) a community board of a territorial authority other than the Auckland Council; or
- (b) a local board of the Auckland Council

determination term means the period from the coming into force of this determination to its expiry

hearing has the meaning given to it by clause 5

hearing time has the meaning given to it by clause 6

GST means goods and services tax payable under the Goods and Services Tax Act 1985

local authority means a regional council or a territorial authority

member means, in relation to a local authority or a board, a person who is declared to be elected to that local authority or board under the Local Electoral Act 2001 or who, as the result of further election or appointment under that Act or the Local Government Act 2002, is an office holder in relation to the local authority or board (for example, a chairperson)

on local authority business includes on the business of any board of the local authority

regional council means a regional council named in Part 1 of Schedule 2 of the Local Government Act 2002

RMA means the Resource Management Act 1991

territorial authority means a territorial authority named in Part 2 of Schedule 2 of the Local Government Act 2002.

5 Meaning of hearing

In this determination, **hearing** means—

- (a) a hearing arising from a resource consent application made under section 88 of the RMA; or
- (b) a meeting for determining a resource consent application without a formal hearing; or
- (c) a hearing arising from a notice of requirement (including one initiated by the local authority); or
- (d) a pre-hearing meeting held under section 99 of the RMA in relation to a hearing referred to in paragraph (a) or (c); or
- (c) a hearing as part of the process of the preparation, change, variation, or review of a district or regional plan or regional policy statement; or
- (f) a mediation hearing in the Environment Court as part of an appeal from a decision of a local authority; or
- (g) a hearing on an objection against a charge fixed by a local authority under section 36 of the RMA.

6 Meaning of hearing time

In this determination, **hearing time** means the time spent on any of the following:

- (a) conducting a hearing;
- (b) formal deliberations to decide the outcome of a hearing;
- (c) participating in an official group site inspection related to a hearing;
- (d) determining a resource consent application where a formal hearing does not take place;
- (e) preparing for a hearing and participating in any inspection of a site for the purposes of a hearing (other than an official group site inspection under paragraph (c));
- (f) writing a decision arising from a hearing or communicating for the purpose of the written decision.

Entitlement to remuneration, allowances, and hearing fees

7 Remuneration, allowances, and hearing fees payable

Remuneration

- (1) A member of a local authority or a board of that local authority is entitled to the applicable remuneration set out in the Schedule (adjusted under clause 9, if applicable).

- (2) If a member of a territorial authority is also elected or appointed to a board, the member is entitled only to the remuneration that is payable to the member as a member of the territorial authority.
- (3) A member of a local authority or a board—
 - (a) is not entitled to receive remuneration for more than 1 office at any one time; and
 - (b) who holds 2 or more offices is entitled to be paid the remuneration payable for the office with the highest remuneration.

Allowances and hearing fees

- (4) A member of a local authority or a board may also be entitled to—
 - (a) the applicable allowances payable in accordance with clauses 10 to 15;
 - (b) the applicable hearing fees payable under clause 16.

8 Acting mayor or chairperson

- (1) This clause applies to a member who acts as a mayor or chairperson during a period when, because of a vacancy or temporary absence, the local authority is not paying the remuneration or allowances that it would usually pay to the mayor or chairperson.
- (2) While the member is acting as mayor or chairperson, the local authority must pay the member the remuneration and allowances usually payable to the mayor or chairperson, instead of the member's usual remuneration, allowances, and hearing fees.

9 Motor vehicles for mayors and regional council chairpersons

- (1) A local authority may provide to the mayor or regional council chairperson of the local authority—
 - (a) a motor vehicle (which may be provided for restricted private use, partial private use, or full private use); or
 - (b) a vehicle-kilometre allowance under clause 10.
- (2) If a local authority provides a motor vehicle to a mayor or regional council chairperson during the determination term, the maximum purchase price that the local authority may pay for the motor vehicle is,—
 - (a) in the case of a petrol or diesel vehicle, \$60,000; and
 - (b) in the case of an electric or a petrol hybrid vehicle, \$70,500.
- (3) If a local authority provides a motor vehicle to a mayor or regional council chairperson for restricted private use, the local authority must not make a deduction from the annual remuneration payable to the mayor or regional council chairperson under the Schedule (as applicable) for the provision of that motor vehicle.

- (4) If a local authority provides a motor vehicle to a mayor or regional council chairperson for partial private use or full private use,—
- (a) the local authority must adjust the annual remuneration payable to the mayor or regional council chairperson under the Schedule (as applicable) in accordance with subclause (5) or (6) (as applicable); and
 - (b) the adjustment must take effect on and from—
 - (i) the date of commencement of this determination (in the case of a motor vehicle provided to the person before that date); or
 - (ii) the date of provision of the motor vehicle to the person (in the case of a motor vehicle provided during the determination term).

- (5) If a local authority provides a motor vehicle to a mayor or regional council chairperson for partial private use, the local authority must deduct the amount calculated in accordance with the following formula from the remuneration payable to that person:

$$v \times 41\% \times 10\%$$

where v means the purchase price of the vehicle.

- (6) If a local authority provides a motor vehicle to a mayor or regional council chairperson for full private use, the local authority must deduct the amount calculated in accordance with the following formula from the remuneration payable to that person:

$$v \times 41\% \times 20\%$$

where v means the purchase price of the vehicle.

- (7) In this clause,—

full private use means that—

- (a) the vehicle is usually driven home and securely parked by the mayor or regional council chairperson; and
- (b) the vehicle is available for the mayor's or regional council chairperson's unrestricted private use; and
- (c) the vehicle is used by the mayor or regional council chairperson for both local authority business and private use; and
- (d) the vehicle may also be used by other local authority members or staff on local authority business, with the permission of the mayor or regional council chairperson

partial private use means that—

- (a) the vehicle is usually driven home and securely parked by the mayor or regional council chairperson; and
- (b) the vehicle is used by the mayor or regional council chairperson for both local authority business and private purposes; and

- (c) the vehicle may also be used by other local authority members or staff on local authority business, with the permission of the mayor or regional council chairperson; and
- (d) all travel in the vehicle is recorded in a logbook; and
- (e) the use of the vehicle for private purposes accounts for no more than 10% of the distance travelled in the vehicle in a year

purchase price means the amount paid for the vehicle,—

- (a) including goods and services tax and any on-road costs; and
- (b) after deducting the amount of any rebate that applied under the former clean car discount scheme, which ended on 31 December 2023, in respect of the purchase of the vehicle

restricted private use means that—

- (a) the vehicle is usually driven home and securely parked by the mayor or regional council chairperson; and
- (b) the vehicle is otherwise generally available for use by other local authority members or staff on local authority business; and
- (c) the vehicle is used solely for local authority business; and
- (d) all travel in the vehicle is recorded in a logbook.

Allowances

10 Vehicle-kilometre allowance

- (1) A local authority may pay to a member a vehicle-kilometre allowance to reimburse that member for costs incurred in relation to eligible travel.
- (2) A member's travel is eligible for the allowance if—
 - (a) it occurs at a time when the member is not provided with a motor vehicle by the local authority; and
 - (b) the member is travelling—
 - (i) in a private vehicle; and
 - (ii) on local authority business; and
 - (iii) by the most direct route that is reasonable in the circumstances.
- (3) The allowance payable to a member for eligible travel is,—
 - (a) for a petrol vehicle,—
 - (i) \$1.20 per kilometre for the first 14,000 kilometres of eligible travel in the determination term; and
 - (ii) 37 cents per kilometre after the first 14,000 kilometres of eligible travel in the determination term;
 - (b) for a diesel vehicle,—

- (i) \$1.30 per kilometre for the first 14,000 kilometres of eligible travel in the determination term; and
 - (ii) 38 cents per kilometre after the first 14,000 kilometres of eligible travel in the determination term:
 - (c) for a petrol hybrid vehicle,—
 - (i) 90 cents per kilometre for the first 14,000 kilometres of eligible travel in the determination term; and
 - (ii) 24 cents per kilometre after the first 14,000 kilometres of eligible travel in the determination term:
 - (d) for an electric vehicle,—
 - (i) \$1.22 per kilometre for the first 14,000 kilometres of eligible travel in the determination term; and
 - (ii) 23 cents per kilometre after the first 14,000 kilometres of eligible travel in the determination term.
- (4) However, if a member of a local authority travels from a place where the member permanently or temporarily resides that is outside the local authority area to the local authority area on local authority business, the member is only eligible for a vehicle-kilometre allowance for eligible travel after the member crosses the boundary of the local authority area.
- (5) Subclause (4) does not apply to the payment of a vehicle-kilometre allowance by a local authority to a member who permanently or temporarily resides outside the local authority area if—
 - (a) the member's primary place of residence was outside the local authority area at the time of the local election, or an exceptional circumstance beyond the member's control requires them to move outside the local authority area; and
 - (b) the Remuneration Authority determines, on an application from the member and having considered the recommendation of the mayor or regional council chairperson, that subclause (4) does not apply.

11 Travel-time allowance

- (1) A local authority may pay a member (other than a mayor, a regional council chairperson, a member of the governing body of the Auckland Council, the Christchurch City Council, or the Wellington City Council, or a chairperson of a local board of the Auckland Council) an allowance for eligible travel time.
- (2) A member's travel time is eligible for the allowance if it is time spent travelling within New Zealand—
 - (a) on local authority business; and
 - (b) by the quickest form of transport that is reasonable in the circumstances; and

- (c) by the most direct route that is reasonable in the circumstances.
- (3) The travel-time allowance is \$41.30 for each hour (pro-rated in the case of a part of an hour) of eligible travel time after the first hour of eligible travel time travelled in a day.
- (4) However, if a member of a local authority permanently or temporarily resides outside the local authority area and travels to the local authority area on local authority business, the member is only eligible for a travel-time allowance for eligible travel time—
 - (a) after the member crosses the boundary of the local authority area; and
 - (b) after the first hour of eligible travel time within the local authority area.
- (5) Subclause (4) does not apply to the payment of a travel-time allowance by a local authority to a member who permanently or temporarily resides outside the local authority area if—
 - (a) the member's primary place of residence was outside the local authority area at the time of the local election, or an exceptional circumstance beyond the member's control requires them to move outside the local authority area; and
 - (b) the Remuneration Authority determines, on an application from the member and having considered the recommendation of the mayor or regional council chairperson, that subclause (4) does not apply.
- (6) The maximum total amount of travel-time allowance that a member may be paid for eligible travel in a 24-hour period is 8 hours.
- (7) Despite subclause (1), the Chatham Islands Council may pay the Mayor of the Chatham Islands Council an allowance for eligible travel time.

12 ICT allowances

Member uses local authority's ICT

- (1) If a local authority supplies ICT to a member for use on local authority business and allows for its personal use, the local authority may decide what portion, if any, of the local authority's costs reasonably attributable to such personal use must be paid by the member.

Member uses own equipment and consumables

- (2) If a local authority determines that a member requires particular ICT equipment to perform their functions and requests that the member use their own equipment for those purposes, the local authority may pay an allowance.
- (3) The matters for which the local authority may pay an allowance, and the amounts that the local authority may pay for the determination term, are as follows:
 - (a) for the use of a personal computer, tablet, or laptop, including any related docking station, \$400:

- (b) for the use of a multi-functional or other printer, \$50;
- (c) for the use of a mobile phone, \$200;
- (d) for the use of ICT consumables, up to \$200.

Member uses own services

- (4) If a local authority requests a member to use the member's own internet service for the purpose of the member's work on local authority business, the member is entitled to an allowance for that use of up to \$800 for the determination term.
- (5) If a local authority requests a member to use the member's own mobile phone service for the purpose of the member's work on local authority business, the member is entitled, at the member's option, to—
 - (a) an allowance for that use of up to \$500 for the determination term; or
 - (b) reimbursement of actual costs of phone calls made on local authority business on production of the relevant phone records and receipts.

Pro-rating

- (6) If the member is not a member for the whole of the determination term, sub-clauses (3) to (5) apply as if each reference to an amount were replaced by a reference to an amount calculated in accordance with the following formula:

$$(a \div b) \times c$$

where—

- a is the number of days that the member held office in the determination term
 - b is the number of days in the determination term
 - c is the relevant amount specified in subclauses (3) to (5).
- (7) The Remuneration Authority may approve rules proposed by a local authority to meet the costs of installing and running special ICT where, because of distance or restricted access, normal communications connections are not available.
 - (8) In this clause, **ICT** means information or communication technology, including—
 - (a) ICT equipment (for example, a mobile phone and a laptop computer); and
 - (b) ICT services (for example, a mobile phone service and an internet service); and
 - (c) ICT consumables (for example, printer or photocopy paper and ink cartridges).

13 Childcare allowance

- (1) A local authority may pay a childcare allowance to an eligible member as a contribution towards expenses incurred by the member for childcare provided while the member is engaged on local authority business.
- (2) A member is eligible to be paid a childcare allowance for childcare provided for a child only if—
 - (a) the member is a parent or guardian of the child or is a person who usually has responsibility for the day-to-day care of the child (other than on a temporary basis); and
 - (b) the child is under 14 years of age; and
 - (c) the childcare is provided by a person who—
 - (i) is not a parent of the child or a spouse, civil union partner, or de facto partner of the member; and
 - (ii) does not ordinarily reside with the member; and
 - (d) the member provides evidence satisfactory to the local authority of the amount paid for childcare.
- (3) A local authority must not pay childcare allowances to a member that total more than \$7,500 per child during the determination term.

14 Home security system allowance

- (1) Based on a security threat and risk assessment authorised by the local authority, a local authority may reimburse the expenses of having a security system installed and monitored at a member's primary place of residence up to a maximum of—
 - (a) \$4,500 for purchasing and installing the system; and
 - (b) \$1,000 in any year for monitoring, call-outs, and repairs.
- (2) A member may also be reimbursed for additional expenses for the provision of supplementary security measures at their primary place of residence if—
 - (a) the security threat and risk assessment recommends that those supplementary security measures be provided to the member; and
 - (b) the Remuneration Authority, on application from the local authority, approves reimbursement of the additional expenses arising from the provision of those supplementary security measures.

15 Allowances inclusive of GST

The allowances set out in this determination are inclusive of GST.

Hearing fees

16 Fees related to hearings

- (1) A member of a local authority or member of a board who acts as the chairperson of a hearing is entitled to be paid a fee of up to \$130 per hour of hearing time related to the hearing.
- (2) A member of a local authority or member of a board who is not the chairperson of a hearing is entitled to be paid a fee of up to \$104 per hour of hearing time related to the hearing.
- (3) For any period of hearing time that is less than 1 hour, the fee must be apportioned accordingly.
- (4) This clause does not apply to—
 - (a) a mayor or a member who acts as mayor and is paid the mayor's remuneration and allowances under clause 8(2); or
 - (b) a chairperson of a regional council or a member who acts as chairperson of a regional council and is paid the chairperson's remuneration and allowances under clause 8(2); or
 - (c) a member of the governing body of the Auckland Council, the Christchurch City Council, or the Wellington City Council; or
 - (d) a chairperson of a local board of the Auckland Council.

Revocation

17 Revocation

The Local Government Elected Members (2025/26) Determination 2025 (SL 2025/140) is revoked.

Schedule Remuneration

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Part 1 Remuneration of members of regional councils

Bay of Plenty Regional Council

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Regional Council Chairperson	167,596
Regional Council Deputy Chairperson and Chair of Executive Employment Committee	85,589
Committee Chairs (5)	74,397
Councillor with no additional responsibilities	65,838
Councillor (minimum allowable remuneration)	58,691

Guidance note

The governance remuneration pool for the Bay of Plenty Regional Council is \$918,438. See the explanatory note to this determination for further information about the Remuneration Authority's methodology when fixing members' remuneration.

Canterbury Regional Council

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Regional Council Chairperson	206,541
Councillor with no additional responsibilities	86,284
Councillor (minimum allowable remuneration)	70,106

Guidance note

The governance remuneration pool for the Canterbury Regional Council is \$1,121,698. See the explanatory note to this determination for further information about the Remuneration Authority's methodology when fixing members' remuneration.

Hawke's Bay Regional Council

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Regional Council Chairperson	156,423
Regional Council Deputy Chairperson	79,455
Chair, Regional Transport Committee	79,455
Chair, Environment Committee	79,455
Chair, Investment Strategy Committee	79,455
Co-Chair, Regional Planning Committee	79,455
Councillor with no additional responsibilities	67,000
Councillor (minimum allowable remuneration)	62,672

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Guidance note

The governance remuneration pool for the Hawke's Bay Regional Council is \$732,275. See the explanatory note to this determination for further information about the Remuneration Authority's methodology when fixing members' remuneration.

Manawatū–Whanganui Regional Council

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Regional Council Chairperson	164,237
Regional Council Deputy Chairperson	70,802
Audit, Risk, and Investment Committee Chair	67,970
Audit, Risk, and Investment Committee Deputy Chair	56,642
Integrated Catchment Committee Chair	67,970
Integrated Catchment Committee Deputy Chair	65,138
Passenger Transport Committee Chair	67,970
Passenger Transport Committee Deputy Chair	56,642
Councillor with no additional responsibilities	56,642
Councillor (minimum allowable remuneration)	52,756

Guidance note

The governance remuneration pool for the Manawatū–Whanganui Regional Council is \$792,985. See the explanatory note to this determination for further information about the Remuneration Authority's methodology when fixing members' remuneration.

Northland Regional Council

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Regional Council Chairperson	144,225
Regional Council Deputy Chairperson	88,437
Councillor with no additional responsibilities (7)	78,436
Councillor (minimum allowable remuneration)	57,954

Guidance note

The governance remuneration pool for the Northland Regional Council is \$637,493. See the explanatory note to this determination for further information about the Remuneration Authority's methodology when fixing members' remuneration.

Otago Regional Council

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Regional Council Chairperson	173,309
Regional Council Deputy Chairperson	105,006
Portfolio Lead (10)	75,847
Councillor (minimum allowable remuneration)	61,677

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Guidance note

The governance remuneration pool for the Otago Regional Council is \$863,476. See the explanatory note to this determination for further information about the Remuneration Authority's methodology when fixing members' remuneration.

Southland Regional Council

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Regional Council Chairperson	136,773
Regional Council Deputy Chairperson and Chair of Regional Transport Committee	66,313
Chair Strategy and Policy Committee	61,576
Chair Integrated Catchment Management Committee	61,576
Chair Regulatory Committee	56,840
Chair Finance and Performance Committee	56,840
Councillor with no additional responsibilities	47,367
Councillor (minimum allowable remuneration)	41,953

Guidance note

The governance remuneration pool for the Southland Regional Council is \$587,345. See the explanatory note to this determination for further information about the Remuneration Authority's methodology when fixing members' remuneration.

Taranaki Regional Council

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Regional Council Chairperson	118,590
Regional Council Deputy Chairperson and Policy and Planning Chairperson	68,669
Executive, Audit and Risk Chairperson	68,669
Operations and Regulatory Chairperson	68,669
Regional Transport Committee Chairperson	52,300
Councillor with no additional responsibilities	40,357
Councillor (minimum allowable remuneration)	40,357

Guidance note

The governance remuneration pool for the Taranaki Regional Council is \$500,449. See the explanatory note to this determination for further information about the Remuneration Authority's methodology when fixing members' remuneration.

Waikato Regional Council

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Regional Council Chairperson	185,306
Regional Council Deputy Chairperson	83,618
High Complexity Leadership (2)	80,273
Multiple Leadership (3)	76,929
Single Major Chair (2)	76,929

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Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Standard Chair/Co-Chair (2)	73,584
Single Deputy Chair (3)	70,239
Councillor (minimum allowable remuneration)	63,121

Guidance note

The governance remuneration pool for the Waikato Regional Council is \$986,695. See the explanatory note to this determination for further information about the Remuneration Authority's methodology when fixing members' remuneration.

Wellington Regional Council

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Regional Council Chairperson	199,168
Regional Council Deputy Chairperson	103,164
Committee Chair (5)	88,420
Councillor with no additional responsibilities	74,164
Councillor (minimum allowable remuneration)	70,961

Guidance note

The governance remuneration pool for the Wellington Regional Council is \$1,064,412. See the explanatory note to this determination for further information about the Remuneration Authority's methodology when fixing members' remuneration.

West Coast Regional Council

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Regional Council Chairperson	110,914
Regional Council Deputy Chairperson	72,093
Councillor with no additional responsibilities	61,313
Councillor (minimum allowable remuneration)	42,073

Guidance note

The governance remuneration pool for the West Coast Regional Council is \$378,658. See the explanatory note to this determination for further information about the Remuneration Authority's methodology when fixing members' remuneration.

Part 2

**Remuneration of members of territorial authorities and their
community or local boards**

Ashburton District Council

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Mayor	149,663
Deputy Mayor	57,705
Executive Committee Member (3)	57,705

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Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Councillor with no additional responsibilities	52,408
Councillor (minimum allowable remuneration)	41,072

Guidance note

The governance remuneration pool for the Ashburton District Council is \$492,860. See the explanatory note to this determination for further information about the Remuneration Authority's methodology when fixing members' remuneration.

Methven Community Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	6,466
Member	3,233

Auckland Council

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Mayor	318,616
Deputy Mayor	181,320
Chair, Committee of the Whole (3)	158,819
Deputy Chair, Committee of the Whole with responsibility as Auckland Transport Director or Chair of Smaller Committee (3)	148,120
Chair, Decision-making Committee (3)	143,509
Deputy Chair, Decision-making Committee (3)	128,939
Deputy Chair, Decision-making Committee and Audit & Risk Committee	128,939
Chief Liaison Councillor	128,319
Portfolio Leader	128,319
Councillor with no additional responsibilities	121,319
Councillor (minimum allowable remuneration)	121,319

Guidance note

The governance remuneration pool for the Auckland Council is \$2,790,334. See the explanatory note to this determination for further information about the Remuneration Authority's methodology when fixing members' remuneration.

Albert-Eden Local Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	107,785
Deputy Chairperson	64,671
Member	53,893

Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	67,623
Deputy Chairperson	40,574
Member	33,811

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Devonport–Takapuna Local Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	101,816
Deputy Chairperson	61,089
Member	50,908

Franklin Local Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	108,067
Deputy Chairperson	64,840
Member	54,033

Henderson–Massey Local Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	119,783
Deputy Chairperson	71,870
Member	59,892

Hibiscus and Bays Local Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	108,718
Deputy Chairperson	65,231
Member	54,359

Howick Local Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	114,639
Deputy Chairperson	68,784
Member	57,320

Kaipātiki Local Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	107,557
Deputy Chairperson	64,534
Member	53,778

Māngere–Ōtāhuhu Local Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	120,440
Deputy Chairperson	72,264
Member	60,220

Manurewa Local Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	119,165
Deputy Chairperson	71,499
Member	59,582

Maungakiekie–Tāmaki Local Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	112,682
Deputy Chairperson	67,609
Member	56,341

Ōrākei Local Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	105,004
Deputy Chairperson	63,002
Member	52,502

Ōtara–Papatoetoe Local Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	121,319
Deputy Chairperson	72,791
Member	60,660

Papakura Local Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	112,302
Deputy Chairperson	67,381
Member	56,151

Puketāpapa Local Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	105,134
Deputy Chairperson	63,081
Member	52,567

Rodney Local Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	105,554
Deputy Chairperson	63,332
Member	52,777

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Upper Harbour Local Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	103,744
Deputy Chairperson	62,246
Member	51,872

Waiheke Local Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	79,201
Deputy Chairperson	47,521
Member	39,601

Waitākere Ranges Local Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	101,935
Deputy Chairperson	61,161
Member	50,967

Waitematā Local Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	111,974
Deputy Chairperson	67,185
Member	55,987

Whau Local Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	111,134
Deputy Chairperson	66,681
Member	55,567

Buller District Council

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Mayor	131,959
Deputy Mayor and Chair of the Community Committee	48,402
Chair of Regulatory Hearings Committee	37,000
Councillor with no additional responsibilities	34,750
Councillor (minimum allowable remuneration)	27,954

Guidance note

The governance remuneration pool for the Buller District Council is \$363,402. See the explanatory note to this determination for further information about the Remuneration Authority's methodology when fixing members' remuneration.

Inangahua Community Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	8,577
Member	4,289

Carterton District Council

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Mayor	116,355
Deputy Mayor	54,735
Councillor with no additional responsibilities	27,644
Councillor (minimum allowable remuneration)	24,485

Guidance note

The governance remuneration pool for the Carterton District Council is \$248,242. See the explanatory note to this determination for further information about the Remuneration Authority's methodology when fixing members' remuneration.

Central Hawke's Bay District Council

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Mayor	135,405
Deputy Mayor	54,626
Councillors with Committee Chair responsibilities (2)	51,211
Councillor with Committee Deputy Chair responsibilities	40,969
Councillor with Subcommittee Chair responsibilities	40,969
Councillors with 2 Deputy Chair responsibilities	42,676
Councillors with 2 committee responsibilities	37,555
Councillor with a committee responsibility	35,848
Councillor with no additional responsibilities	34,141
Councillor (minimum allowable remuneration)	33,800

Guidance note

The governance remuneration pool for the Central Hawke's Bay District Council is \$389,207. See the explanatory note to this determination for further information about the Remuneration Authority's methodology when fixing members' remuneration.

Central Otago District Council

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Mayor	139,677
Deputy Mayor, Portfolio Lead, Audit and Risk	66,069
Portfolio Lead, Community Board, Audit and Risk, Assessment Committee	51,204
Councillor, Portfolio Lead, Community Board	46,249
Councillor, Audit and Risk, Community Board	44,597
Councillor, Community Board	41,293
Councillor, Portfolio Lead	37,990

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Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Councillor, Assessment Committee	34,686
Councillor with no additional responsibilities	33,035
Councillor (minimum allowable remuneration)	32,399

Guidance note

The governance remuneration pool for the Central Otago District Council is \$421,193. See the explanatory note to this determination for further information about the Remuneration Authority's methodology when fixing members' remuneration.

Cromwell Community Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	17,069
Member	8,535

Maniototo Community Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	8,278
Member	4,139

Teviot Valley Community Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	8,278
Member	4,139

Vincent Community Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	18,364
Member	9,181

Chatham Islands Council

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Mayor	65,876
Deputy Mayor	30,678
Councillor with no additional responsibilities	20,500
Councillor (minimum allowable remuneration)	19,261

Guidance note

The governance remuneration pool for the Chatham Islands Council is \$174,178. See the explanatory note to this determination for further information about the Remuneration Authority's methodology when fixing members' remuneration.

Christchurch City Council

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Mayor	223,740
Deputy Mayor	148,107
Councillor with no additional responsibilities	128,789
Councillor (minimum allowable remuneration)	109,775

Guidance note

The governance remuneration pool for the Christchurch City Council is \$2,079,939. See the explanatory note to this determination for further information about the Remuneration Authority's methodology when fixing members' remuneration.

Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula Community Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	23,640
Member	11,821

Waihoru Spreydon–Cashmere–Heathcote Community Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	60,630
Member	30,315

Waimāero Fendalton–Waimairi–Harewood Community Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	57,768
Member	28,885

Waipapa Papanui–Innes–Central Community Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	55,160
Member	27,581

Waipuna Halswell–Hornby–Riccarton Community Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	59,544
Member	29,772

Waitai Coastal–Burwood–Linwood Community Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	57,991
Member	28,995

Clutha District Council

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Mayor	141,101
Deputy Mayor	55,502
Additional Portfolio Holders (3)	49,953
Councillor with no additional responsibilities	44,403
Councillor (minimum allowable remuneration)	35,614

Guidance note

The governance remuneration pool for the Clutha District Council is \$427,377. See the explanatory note to this determination for further information about the Remuneration Authority's methodology when fixing members' remuneration.

Lawrence–Tuapeka Community Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	6,983
Member	3,491

West Otago Community Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	8,278
Member	4,139

Dunedin City Council

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Mayor	190,006
Deputy Mayor	145,008
Councillor with additional responsibilities (12)	100,577
Councillor with no additional responsibilities	84,496
Councillor (minimum allowable remuneration)	84,496

Guidance note

The governance remuneration pool for the Dunedin City Council is \$1,436,428. See the explanatory note to this determination for further information about the Remuneration Authority's methodology when fixing members' remuneration.

Mosgiel–Taieri Community Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	23,050
Member	11,525

Otago Peninsula Community Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	19,465
Member	9,733

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Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	19,721
Member	9,860
<i>Strath Taieri Community Board</i>	
Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	17,334
Member	8,666
<i>Waikouaiti Coast Community Board</i>	
Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	19,208
Member	9,603
<i>West Harbour Community Board</i>	
Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	19,721
Member	9,860
<i>Far North District Council</i>	
Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Mayor	181,545
Deputy Mayor	160,007
Committee Chairperson (4)	110,005
Councillor with no additional responsibilities	85,700
Councillor (minimum allowable remuneration)	79,117
Guidance note	
The governance remuneration pool for the Far North District Council is \$1,028,527. See the explanatory note to this determination for further information about the Remuneration Authority's methodology when fixing members' remuneration.	
<i>Bay of Islands–Whangaroa Community Board</i>	
Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	37,473
Member	18,736
<i>Kaikohe–Hokianga Community Board</i>	
Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	32,120
Member	16,060

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Te Hiku Community Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	32,789
Member	16,395

Gisborne District Council

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Mayor	178,881
Deputy Mayor	76,631
Chair Environment and Communities Committee	65,684
Chair Local Transport Committee	60,210
Chair Regional Transport Committee	60,210
Chair Bylaw Submissions Hearing Panel	60,210
Chair Wastewater Management Committee	60,210
Councillor with no additional responsibilities	54,736
Councillor (minimum allowable remuneration)	47,894

Guidance note

The governance remuneration pool for the Gisborne District Council is \$766,310. See the explanatory note to this determination for further information about the Remuneration Authority's methodology when fixing members' remuneration.

Gore District Council

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Mayor	128,211
Deputy Mayor	32,054
Portfolio Leads (4)	32,054
Co Portfolio Leads (4)	30,229
Councillor with no additional responsibilities	27,077
Councillor (minimum allowable remuneration)	24,076

Guidance note

The governance remuneration pool for the Gore District Council is \$335,340. See the explanatory note to this determination for further information about the Remuneration Authority's methodology when fixing members' remuneration.

Mataura Community Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	4,939
Member	2,470

Grey District Council

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Mayor	132,591
Deputy Mayor	53,036

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Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Councillor with no additional responsibilities	45,015
Councillor (minimum allowable remuneration)	33,467

Guidance note

The governance remuneration pool for the Grey District Council is \$368,138. See the explanatory note to this determination for further information about the Remuneration Authority's methodology when fixing members' remuneration.

Hamilton City Council

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Mayor	200,077
Deputy Mayor	135,146
Committee Chair (5)	123,000
Committee Deputy Chair (3)	114,000
Councillor with no additional responsibilities	96,000
Councillor (minimum allowable remuneration)	92,479

Guidance note

The governance remuneration pool for the Hamilton City Council is \$1,572,146. See the explanatory note to this determination for further information about the Remuneration Authority's methodology when fixing members' remuneration.

Hastings District Council

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Mayor	181,032
Deputy Mayor and Chair of Committee (whole Council)	100,016
Chair of Committee (whole Council)	80,137
Deputy Chair of Committee (whole Council) (2)	68,334
Chair of Subcommittee (2)	72,062
Deputy Chair of Risk and Assurance	65,228
Councillor with no additional responsibilities	62,122
Councillor (minimum allowable remuneration)	56,842

Guidance note

The governance remuneration pool for the Hastings District Council is \$1,023,150. See the explanatory note to this determination for further information about the Remuneration Authority's methodology when fixing members' remuneration.

Hastings District Rural Community Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	18,016
Member	9,009

Hauraki District Council

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Mayor	148,515
Deputy Mayor and Portfolio Holder—Community Development and Regulatory	60,000
Chair and Portfolio Holder—Communications and Corporate Services	57,000
Chair and Portfolio Holder—Service Delivery	45,363
Councillor with no additional responsibilities	32,500
Councillor (minimum allowable remuneration)	30,460

Guidance note

The governance remuneration pool for the Hauraki District Council is \$487,363. See the explanatory note to this determination for further information about the Remuneration Authority's methodology when fixing members' remuneration.

Horowhenua District Council

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Mayor	159,602
Deputy Mayor	67,004
Chair of Risk and Assurance Committee	57,151
Chair of Hearings and Regulatory Committee	53,210
Chair of Community Wellbeing Committee	53,210
Chair of Community Funding and Recognition Committee	49,269
Member—Chief Executive Employment and Performance Committee and Procurement Review Group (not otherwise Chair of Committee)	47,298
Councillor with no additional responsibilities	39,414
Councillor (minimum allowable remuneration)	37,576

Guidance note

The governance remuneration pool for the Horowhenua District Council is \$563,627. See the explanatory note to this determination for further information about the Remuneration Authority's methodology when fixing members' remuneration.

Te Awahou Foxton Community Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	14,999
Member	7,499

Hurunui District Council

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Mayor	128,965
Deputy Mayor and Standing Committee Chair	44,204
Standing Committee Chair (2)	37,888
Councillor with no additional responsibilities	31,573
Councillor (minimum allowable remuneration)	26,694

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The governance remuneration pool for the Hurunui District Council is \$340,991. See the explanatory note to this determination for further information about the Remuneration Authority's methodology when fixing members' remuneration.

Hanmer Springs Community Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	9,616
Member	4,808

South Ward Community Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	12,000
Member	6,000

Hutt City Council

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Mayor	181,652
Deputy Mayor	107,654
Chair of Committee of the Whole (3)	91,000
Chair District Plan Subcommittee	83,000
Chair Hutt Valley Services Committee	76,000
Chair Age and Accessibility Subcommittee	76,000
Councillor with no additional responsibilities	69,000
Councillor (minimum allowable remuneration)	64,353

Guidance note

The governance remuneration pool for the Hutt City Council is \$1,029,654. See the explanatory note to this determination for further information about the Remuneration Authority's methodology when fixing members' remuneration.

Eastbourne Community Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	16,214
Member	8,107

Wainuiomata Community Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	20,334
Member	10,167

Invercargill City Council

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Mayor	165,687
Deputy Mayor	81,521
Chair of a Council Committee (3)	70,651
Deputy Chair of a Council Committee (2)	59,782
Councillor with no additional responsibilities	54,347
Councillor (minimum allowable remuneration)	49,275

Guidance note

The governance remuneration pool for the Invercargill City Council is \$739,120. See the explanatory note to this determination for further information about the Remuneration Authority's methodology when fixing members' remuneration.

Bluff Community Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	10,294
Member	5,147

Kaikoura District Council

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Mayor	99,761
Deputy Mayor	44,763
Councillor with no additional responsibilities	29,776
Councillor (minimum allowable remuneration)	24,485

Guidance note

The governance remuneration pool for the Kaikoura District Council is \$223,418. See the explanatory note to this determination for further information about the Remuneration Authority's methodology when fixing members' remuneration.

Kaipara District Council

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Mayor	150,691
Deputy Mayor	80,050
Councillors (7)	59,916
Councillor (minimum allowable remuneration)	45,405

Guidance note

The governance remuneration pool for the Kaipara District Council is \$499,459. See the explanatory note to this determination for further information about the Remuneration Authority's methodology when fixing members' remuneration.

Kapiti Coast District Council

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Mayor	163,499
Deputy Mayor and Environment and Communities Committee Chair	72,925
Strategy and Policy Committee Chair	65,704
Chairs of Committees and Deputy Chairs of Committees of the Whole Council (4)	62,450
Councillor with additional responsibilities (4)	52,311
Councillor (minimum allowable remuneration)	45,975

Guidance note

The governance remuneration pool for the Kapiti Coast District Council is \$597,675. See the explanatory note to this determination for further information about the Remuneration Authority's methodology when fixing members' remuneration.

Ōtaki Community Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	17,421
Member	8,711

Paekākāriki Community Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	9,227
Member	4,613

Paraparaumu Community Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	22,237
Member	11,118

Raumati Community Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	16,944
Member	8,472

Waikanae Community Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	20,227
Member	10,113

Kawerau District Council

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Mayor	121,954
Deputy Mayor and Chair—Regulatory and Services Committee	55,244

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Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chair of Thriving Community Committee	39,899
Chair of Hearings Committee	39,899
Councillor with no additional responsibilities	30,691
Councillor (minimum allowable remuneration)	26,227

Guidance note

The governance remuneration pool for the Kawerau District Council is \$288,497. See the explanatory note to this determination for further information about the Remuneration Authority's methodology when fixing members' remuneration.

Mackenzie District Council

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Mayor	107,609
Deputy Mayor	43,544
Councillors (6)	30,510
Councillor (minimum allowable remuneration)	24,485

Guidance note

The governance remuneration pool for the Mackenzie District Council is \$226,604. See the explanatory note to this determination for further information about the Remuneration Authority's methodology when fixing members' remuneration.

Fairlie Community Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	4,793
Member	2,397

Tekapo Community Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	4,793
Member	2,397

Twizel Community Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	5,978
Member	2,989

Manawatu District Council

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Mayor	149,267
Deputy Mayor	58,122
Chairs (District Development Committee and Hearings Committee) (2)	45,667
Submissions Assessment Panel Members (3)	43,592

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Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Councillor with no additional responsibilities	41,516
Councillor (minimum allowable remuneration)	36,254

Guidance note

The governance remuneration pool for the Manawatu District Council is \$487,811. See the explanatory note to this determination for further information about the Remuneration Authority's methodology when fixing members' remuneration.

Marlborough District Council

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Mayor	172,545
Deputy Mayor	61,344
Chairperson Standing Committee (3)	54,700
Chairperson Statutory/Joint Committee	49,000
Deputy Chairperson Standing Committee (2)	47,500
Councillor with no additional responsibilities	44,500
Councillor (minimum allowable remuneration)	41,232

Guidance note

The governance remuneration pool for the Marlborough District Council is \$680,944. See the explanatory note to this determination for further information about the Remuneration Authority's methodology when fixing members' remuneration.

Masterton District Council

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Mayor	151,438
Deputy Mayor	88,178
Councillor with no additional responsibilities	58,784
Councillor (minimum allowable remuneration)	45,423

Guidance note

The governance remuneration pool for the Masterton District Council is \$499,661. See the explanatory note to this determination for further information about the Remuneration Authority's methodology when fixing members' remuneration.

Matamata–Piako District Council

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Mayor	151,673
Deputy Mayor	55,032
Risk and Assurance Committee Member	43,239
Te Manawhenua Forum Member	43,239
Hauraki Gulf Forum Member	43,239
Member of 2 or more Committees (including Risk and Assurance, Te Manawhenua, Waharoa (Matamata) Aerodrome, Hauraki Gulf, Hauraki Scheme Subcommittee) (2)	45,205

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Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Councillor with no additional responsibilities	39,308
Councillor (minimum allowable remuneration)	34,915

Guidance note

The governance remuneration pool for the Matamata–Piako District Council is \$511,010. See the explanatory note to this determination for further information about the Remuneration Authority's methodology when fixing members' remuneration.

Napier City Council

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Mayor	171,317
Deputy Mayor and Chair Specialist Committee	105,439
Chair Standing Committee and Deputy Chair Specialist Committee	93,463
Chair Standing Committee and Senior Councillor	93,463
Deputy Chair Standing Committee and Chair Subcommittee	86,928
Deputy Chair Standing Committee	86,928
Deputy Chair Specialist Committee and Chair Subcommittee	84,451
Portfolio Holder (5)	74,130
Councillor (minimum allowable remuneration)	65,809

Guidance note

The governance remuneration pool for the Napier City Council is \$921,322. See the explanatory note to this determination for further information about the Remuneration Authority's methodology when fixing members' remuneration.

Nelson City Council

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Mayor	172,013
Deputy Mayor	70,951
Councillor with additional responsibilities	54,785
Councillor (minimum allowable remuneration)	44,905

Guidance note

The governance remuneration pool for the Nelson City Council is \$673,582. See the explanatory note to this determination for further information about the Remuneration Authority's methodology when fixing members' remuneration.

New Plymouth District Council

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Mayor	178,736
Deputy Mayor	89,424
Standing Committee Chairperson (2)	89,424
Standing Committee Deputy Chairperson (3)	74,006
Councillors appointed to community boards (5)	64,756

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Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Councillor with no additional responsibilities	61,672
Councillor (minimum allowable remuneration)	58,770

Guidance note

The governance remuneration pool for the New Plymouth District Council is \$999,087. See the explanatory note to this determination for further information about the Remuneration Authority's methodology when fixing members' remuneration.

Clifton Community Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	14,674
Member	7,336

Inglewood Community Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	20,448
Member	10,224

Kaitake Community Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	17,710
Member	8,855

Puketapu–Bell Block Community Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	19,709
Member	9,855

Waitara Community Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	19,709
Member	9,855

Ōpōtiki District Council

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Mayor	129,419
Deputy Mayor	56,700
Chair, Ōpōtiki Harbour Management Committee	50,649
Chair, Performance and Delivery Committee	50,649
Chair, Coast Community Board	50,649
Councillor with no additional responsibilities	44,632
Councillor (minimum allowable remuneration)	38,060

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The governance remuneration pool for the Ōpōtiki District Council is \$342,543. See the explanatory note to this determination for further information about the Remuneration Authority's methodology when fixing members' remuneration.

Coast Community Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	11,956
Member	5,978

Ōtorohanga District Council

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Mayor	122,998
Deputy Mayor, Ōtorohanga Community Board Councillor and Grants & Awards Chair	51,329
Ōtorohanga Community Board Councillor and Grants & Awards Member	33,559
Grants & Awards Member and Risk & Assurance Member	33,263
Risk & Assurance Deputy Chair and Kāwhia Community Board Councillor	34,462
Risk & Assurance Member (2)	30,602
Grants & Awards Member	29,271
Councillor with no additional responsibilities	26,610
Councillor (minimum allowable remuneration)	26,580

Guidance note

The governance remuneration pool for the Ōtorohanga District Council is \$296,308. See the explanatory note to this determination for further information about the Remuneration Authority's methodology when fixing members' remuneration.

Kāwhia Community Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	4,793
Member	2,397

Ōtorohanga Community Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	17,152
Member	8,576

Palmerston North City Council

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Mayor	176,081
Deputy Mayor	73,100
Chair—Monthly and Hearings	68,862

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Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chair—Monthly	68,100
Chair—Quarterly	65,100
Councillor with no additional responsibilities	63,100
Councillor (minimum allowable remuneration)	53,959

Guidance note

The governance remuneration pool for the Palmerston North City Council is \$971,262. See the explanatory note to this determination for further information about the Remuneration Authority's methodology when fixing members' remuneration.

Porirua City Council

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Mayor	170,195
Deputy Mayor	93,555
Chair, Te Puna Kōrero (2)	85,759
Chair, CE Employment	77,963
Councillor with no additional responsibilities	72,765
Councillor (minimum allowable remuneration)	59,971

Guidance note

The governance remuneration pool for the Porirua City Council is \$779,626. See the explanatory note to this determination for further information about the Remuneration Authority's methodology when fixing members' remuneration.

Queenstown–Lakes District Council

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Mayor	165,197
Deputy Mayor	77,516
Committee Chair (6)	69,000
Committee Deputy Chair (4)	60,800
Councillor (minimum allowable remuneration)	52,480

Guidance note

The governance remuneration pool for the Queenstown–Lakes District Council is \$734,716. See the explanatory note to this determination for further information about the Remuneration Authority's methodology when fixing members' remuneration.

Wānaka–Upper Clutha Community Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	28,710
Member	14,354

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Rangitikei District Council

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Mayor	138,375
Deputy Mayor/Chair Assets/Infrastructure	49,585
Chair of Finance/Performance Committee	42,589
Chair of Policy/Planning Committee	42,589
Councillor with no additional responsibilities	34,585
Councillor (minimum allowable remuneration)	29,389

Guidance note

The governance remuneration pool for the Rangitikei District Council is \$411,443. See the explanatory note to this determination for further information about the Remuneration Authority's methodology when fixing members' remuneration.

Rātana Community Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	5,095
Member	2,548

Taihape Community Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	10,396
Member	5,198

Rotorua District Council

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Mayor	177,369
Deputy Mayor—Deputy Chairperson Council, Deputy Chairperson Audit and Risk Committee	155,254
Chairperson Infrastructure Committee	110,250
Deputy Chairperson Infrastructure Committee	110,250
Chairperson Te Arawa Vision 2050 Committee	88,500
Deputy Chairperson Te Arawa Vision 2050 Committee	88,500
Cultural Ambassador	90,000
Community Ambassador	90,000
Councillor with no additional responsibilities	84,000
Councillor (minimum allowable remuneration)	75,750

Guidance note

The governance remuneration pool for the Rotorua District Council is \$984,754. See the explanatory note to this determination for further information about the Remuneration Authority's methodology when fixing members' remuneration.

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<i>Rotorua Lakes Community Board</i>	
Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	20,128
Member	10,064
<i>Rotorua Rural Community Board</i>	
Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	22,494
Member	11,248
<i>Ruapehu District Council</i>	
Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Mayor	137,377
Deputy Mayor	56,161
Councillor with no additional responsibilities	43,476
Councillor (minimum allowable remuneration)	33,664
Guidance note	
The governance remuneration pool for the Ruapehu District Council is \$403,969. See the explanatory note to this determination for further information about the Remuneration Authority's methodology when fixing members' remuneration.	
<i>Ōwhango–National Park Community Board</i>	
Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	7,149
Member	3,574
<i>Taumarunui–Ōhura Community Board</i>	
Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	16,194
Member	8,097
<i>Waimarino–Waiouru Community Board</i>	
Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	16,194
Member	8,097
<i>Selwyn District Council</i>	
Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Mayor	167,420
Deputy Mayor	86,515
Chairperson of Finance and Performance Committee	79,151
Councillor with no additional responsibilities	73,628
Councillor (minimum allowable remuneration)	58,053

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Guidance note

The governance remuneration pool for the Selwyn District Council is \$754,690. See the explanatory note to this determination for further information about the Remuneration Authority's methodology when fixing members' remuneration.

Malvern Community Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	21,234
Member	10,617

South Taranaki District Council

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Mayor	157,881
Deputy Mayor	60,741
Risk and Assurance Committee Member (3)	43,327
Water Services Committee Chairperson	42,933
Water Services Committee Member (2)	40,963
Councillor with no additional responsibilities	39,388
Councillor (minimum allowable remuneration)	34,495

Guidance note

The governance remuneration pool for the South Taranaki District Council is \$551,907. See the explanatory note to this determination for further information about the Remuneration Authority's methodology when fixing members' remuneration.

Eltham–Kaponga Community Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	13,659
Member	6,830

Pātea Community Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	13,190
Member	6,595

Taranaki Coastal Community Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	14,960
Member	7,480

Te Hāwera Community Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	16,812
Member	8,406

South Waikato District Council

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Mayor	151,535
Deputy Mayor	65,973
Local Services Committee Chair	58,000
Growth and Infrastructure Committee Chair	58,000
Community Engagement and Investment Committee Chair	58,000
Councillor with no additional responsibilities	45,000
Councillor (minimum allowable remuneration)	39,229

Guidance note

The governance remuneration pool for the South Waikato District Council is \$509,973. See the explanatory note to this determination for further information about the Remuneration Authority's methodology when fixing members' remuneration.

Tirau Community Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	8,018
Member	4,008

South Wairarapa District Council

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Mayor	121,472
Deputy Mayor	38,962
Councillor with no additional responsibilities	27,325
Councillor (minimum allowable remuneration)	24,076

Guidance note

The governance remuneration pool for the South Wairarapa District Council is \$284,887. See the explanatory note to this determination for further information about the Remuneration Authority's methodology when fixing members' remuneration.

Featherston Community Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	7,796
Member	3,898

Greytown Community Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	7,796
Member	3,898

Martinborough Community Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	7,796
Member	3,898

Southland District Council

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Mayor	152,473
Deputy Mayor	62,040
Councillor with no additional responsibilities	41,360
Councillor (minimum allowable remuneration)	34,467

Guidance note

The governance remuneration pool for the Southland District Council is \$517,000. See the explanatory note to this determination for further information about the Remuneration Authority's methodology when fixing members' remuneration.

Ardlussa Community Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	8,966
Member	4,483

Fiordland Community Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	11,024
Member	5,512

Northern Community Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	8,670
Member	4,334

Oraka Aparima Community Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	9,685
Member	4,843

Oreti Community Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	12,479
Member	6,240

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Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	4,793
Member	2,397

Tuatapere Te Waewae Community Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	8,459
Member	4,230

Waihopai Toetoe Community Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	11,749
Member	5,875

Wallace Takitimu Community Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	10,296
Member	5,148

Stratford District Council

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Mayor	123,639
Deputy Mayor	35,458
Hearings Committee (2)	27,860
Councillor with no additional responsibilities	25,327
Councillor (minimum allowable remuneration)	24,358

Guidance note

The governance remuneration pool for the Stratford District Council is \$293,795. See the explanatory note to this determination for further information about the Remuneration Authority's methodology when fixing members' remuneration.

Tararua District Council

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Mayor	145,300
Deputy Mayor	63,675
Committee Chairperson (3)	52,697
Deputy Chair/Portfolio Lead (5)	48,305
Councillor (minimum allowable remuneration)	38,608

Guidance note

The governance remuneration pool for the Tararua District Council is \$463,292. See the explanatory note to this determination for further information about the Remuneration Authority's methodology when fixing members' remuneration.

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Dannevirke Community Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	13,967
Member	6,983

Eketāhuna Community Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	9,052
Member	4,526

Tasman District Council

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Mayor	181,375
Deputy Mayor	69,381
Standing Committee Chair (2)	69,381
Information Forum Chair	61,375
Councillor with no additional responsibilities	53,370
Councillor (minimum allowable remuneration)	50,201

Guidance note

The governance remuneration pool for the Tasman District Council is \$803,214. See the explanatory note to this determination for further information about the Remuneration Authority's methodology when fixing members' remuneration.

Golden Bay Community Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	15,702
Member	7,850

Motueka Community Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	17,501
Member	8,751

Taupo District Council

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Mayor	161,696
Deputy Mayor and Deputy Chairperson Water Services Committee	70,268
Chairperson Regulatory Committee	52,701
Chairperson Chief Executive Review Committee	52,701
Deputy Chairperson Risk and Assurance Committee	50,506
Councillor with no additional responsibilities	43,918
Councillor (minimum allowable remuneration)	42,552

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Guidance note

The governance remuneration pool for the Taupo District Council is \$577,517. See the explanatory note to this determination for further information about the Remuneration Authority's methodology when fixing members' remuneration.

Tauranga City Council

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Mayor	193,402
Deputy Mayor and Chairperson City Delivery Standing Committee	178,192
Chairperson City Future Standing Committee	163,000
Deputy Chairperson Standing Committee (3)	163,000
Councillor with no additional responsibilities	163,000
Councillor (minimum allowable remuneration)	123,516

Guidance note

The governance remuneration pool for the Tauranga City Council is \$1,482,192. See the explanatory note to this determination for further information about the Remuneration Authority's methodology when fixing members' remuneration.

Thames–Coromandel District Council

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Mayor	158,514
Deputy Mayor	85,227
Councillor with no additional responsibilities	53,000
Councillor (minimum allowable remuneration)	45,561

Guidance note

The governance remuneration pool for the Thames–Coromandel District Council is \$562,227. See the explanatory note to this determination for further information about the Remuneration Authority's methodology when fixing members' remuneration.

Coromandel–Colville Community Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	18,829
Member	9,414

Mercury Bay Community Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	22,529
Member	11,264

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Tairua-Pāuanui Community Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	18,829
Member	9,414

Thames Community Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	23,874
Member	11,937

Whangamatā Community Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	20,511
Member	10,255

Timaru District Council

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Mayor	161,673
Deputy Mayor & Committee Chair	84,502
Committee Chair (2)	73,235
Committee Deputy Chair (3)	61,968
Councillor with no additional responsibilities	56,334
Councillor (minimum allowable remuneration)	48,823

Guidance note

The governance remuneration pool for the Timaru District Council is \$585,878. See the explanatory note to this determination for further information about the Remuneration Authority's methodology when fixing members' remuneration.

Geraldine Community Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	13,190
Member	6,595

Pleasant Point Community Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	10,344
Member	5,172

Temuka Community Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	13,450
Member	6,724

Upper Hutt City Council

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Mayor	155,994
Deputy Mayor	69,779
Chair of City Planning, Infrastructure, and Environment	63,731
Chair of Community and Economy	61,870
Chair of Regulatory Processes	53,498
Chair of Hutt Valley Services (Joint) Committee	53,498
Councillor with no additional responsibilities	46,519
Councillor (minimum allowable remuneration)	41,152

Guidance note

The governance remuneration pool for the Upper Hutt City Council is \$534,970. See the explanatory note to this determination for further information about the Remuneration Authority's methodology when fixing members' remuneration.

Waikato District Council

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Mayor	175,383
Deputy Mayor and Chair, Assets & Infrastructure	102,419
Chair of All of Council Committees (Tier 1)—Chair Community Voice & Choice, Chair Strategy Growth & Finance (2)	85,550
Chair of Part Council Committees (Tier 2)—Chair Policy & Regulatory Committee, Chair Roadway Subcommittee (2)	85,550
Māori Ward Councillors (2)	72,898
Deputy Chairs of Committees (2)	66,271
Councillor with no additional responsibilities	60,246
Councillor (minimum allowable remuneration)	60,246

Guidance note

The governance remuneration pool for the Waikato District Council is \$963,939. See the explanatory note to this determination for further information about the Remuneration Authority's methodology when fixing members' remuneration.

Huntly Community Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	12,850
Member	6,424

Ngāruawāhia Community Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	12,986
Member	6,493

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Raglan Community Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	11,718
Member	5,860

Rural–Port Waikato Community Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	11,072
Member	5,536

Taupiri Community Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	5,141
Member	2,570

Tuakau Community Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	12,556
Member	6,277

Waimakariri District Council

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Mayor	164,728
Deputy Mayor	91,271
Councillor with responsibilities (9)	71,026
Councillor (minimum allowable remuneration)	56,193

Guidance note

The governance remuneration pool for the Waimakariri District Council is \$730,505. See the explanatory note to this determination for further information about the Remuneration Authority's methodology when fixing members' remuneration.

Kaiapoi–Tuahiwi Community Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	20,945
Member	10,472

Oxford–Ohoka Community Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	19,731
Member	9,866

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<i>Rangiora–Ashley Community Board</i>		
Office		Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson		27,017
Member		13,508
<i>Woodend–Sefton Community Board</i>		
Office		Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson		17,305
Member		8,652
Waimate District Council		
Office		Annual remuneration (\$)
Mayor		119,274
Deputy Mayor		39,708
Councillor with no additional responsibilities		31,766
Councillor (minimum allowable remuneration)		24,485
Guidance note		
The governance remuneration pool for the Waimate District Council is \$262,073. See the explanatory note to this determination for further information about the Remuneration Authority's methodology when fixing members' remuneration.		
Waipa District Council		
Office		Annual remuneration (\$)
Mayor		162,399
Deputy Mayor		86,887
Chair Strategic Planning and Policy Committee and Deputy Chair Finance and Corporate		69,509
Chair Service Delivery		66,613
Chair Regulatory Committee		63,717
Deputy Chair Service Delivery		63,717
Deputy Chair Risk and Assurance Committee		60,821
Deputy Chair Regulatory Committee and Iwi Portfolio		66,613
Councillor with no additional responsibilities		57,925
Councillor (minimum allowable remuneration)		50,684
Guidance note		
The governance remuneration pool for the Waipa District Council is \$709,576. See the explanatory note to this determination for further information about the Remuneration Authority's methodology when fixing members' remuneration.		
<i>Cambridge Community Board</i>		
Office		Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson		22,502
Member		11,251

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Te Awamutu–Kihikihi Community Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	21,726
Member	10,863

Wairoa District Council

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Mayor	135,360
Deputy Mayor	90,243
Councillor with no additional responsibilities	59,140
Councillor (minimum allowable remuneration)	42,883

Guidance note

The governance remuneration pool for the Wairoa District Council is \$385,943. See the explanatory note to this determination for further information about the Remuneration Authority's methodology when fixing members' remuneration.

Waitaki District Council

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Mayor	146,010
Deputy Mayor	55,597
Councillor and Committee Chair (5)	47,655
Councillor and Committee Member or Portfolio Holder (4)	43,683
Councillor (minimum allowable remuneration)	36,046

Guidance note

The governance remuneration pool for the Waitaki District Council is \$468,604. See the explanatory note to this determination for further information about the Remuneration Authority's methodology when fixing members' remuneration.

Ahuriri Community Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	13,946
Member	6,973

Waihemo Community Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	14,484
Member	7,241

Waitomo District Council

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Mayor	131,998
Deputy Mayor	83,930

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Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Councillor with no additional responsibilities	55,953
Councillor (minimum allowable remuneration)	40,411

Guidance note

The governance remuneration pool for the Waitomo District Council is \$363,697. See the explanatory note to this determination for further information about the Remuneration Authority's methodology when fixing members' remuneration.

Wellington City Council

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Mayor	204,244
Deputy Mayor	138,079
Chair of Committees of the Whole (3)	126,572
Chair of Te Takere Regulatory Processes Committee	126,572
Councillor with no additional responsibilities	115,066
Councillor (minimum allowable remuneration)	99,723

Guidance note

The governance remuneration pool for the Wellington City Council is \$1,795,027. See the explanatory note to this determination for further information about the Remuneration Authority's methodology when fixing members' remuneration.

Mākara-Ōhāriu Community Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	11,297
Member	5,649

Tawa Community Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	22,539
Member	11,269

Western Bay of Plenty District Council

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Mayor	164,382
Deputy Mayor	100,000
Committee Chairperson (2)	85,000
Councillor with no additional responsibilities	76,233
Councillor (minimum allowable remuneration)	51,957

Guidance note

The governance remuneration pool for the Western Bay of Plenty District Council is \$727,395. See the explanatory note to this determination for further information about the Remuneration Authority's methodology when fixing members' remuneration.

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Katikati Community Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	11,715
Member	5,858

Maketu Community Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	8,057
Member	4,028

Ōmokoroa–Kaimai Community Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	18,406
Member	9,203

Te Puke–Eastern Community Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	18,389
Member	9,195

Waihi Beach Community Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	10,519
Member	5,260

Westland District Council

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Mayor	121,261
Deputy Mayor	57,587
Councillor with no additional responsibilities	32,246
Councillor (minimum allowable remuneration)	25,755

Guidance note

The governance remuneration pool for the Westland District Council is \$283,309. See the explanatory note to this determination for further information about the Remuneration Authority's methodology when fixing members' remuneration.

Whakatane District Council

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Mayor	160,725
Deputy Mayor	80,293
Committee Chair (4)	62,525
Deputy Chair (2)	51,650
Councillor with no additional responsibilities	48,362

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Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Councillor (minimum allowable remuneration)	44,521

Guidance note

The governance remuneration pool for the Whakatane District Council is \$578,779. See the explanatory note to this determination for further information about the Remuneration Authority's methodology when fixing members' remuneration.

Murupara Community Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	9,571
Member	4,786

Rangitāiki Community Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	12,414
Member	6,207

Tāneatua Community Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	9,571
Member	4,786

Whakatāne-Ōhope Community Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	20,755
Member	10,377

Whanganui District Council

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Mayor	166,304
Deputy Mayor and Deputy Chair—Council Controlled Organisation and Economic Growth	77,082
Chair—Strategy and Policy and Chair—CE Performance	66,070
Chair—Operations and Performance	66,070
Chair Mentor	61,941
Chair—Regulatory and Chair—Portfolios	61,941
Deputy Chair—Strategy and Policy	61,941
Deputy Co-Chair—Operations and Performance and Deputy Chair—Regulatory	61,941
Deputy Co-Chair—Operations and Performance	61,941
Deputy Chair—Risk and Assurance	60,564
Councillor with no additional responsibilities	55,058
Councillor (minimum allowable remuneration)	49,644

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Guidance note

The governance remuneration pool for the Whanganui District Council is \$744,666. See the explanatory note to this determination for further information about the Remuneration Authority's methodology when fixing members' remuneration.

Whanganui Rural Community Board

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Chairperson	13,450
Member	6,724

Whangarei District Council

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Mayor	181,720
Deputy Mayor	104,340
Chairs of Committees of the Whole and Te Karearea Standing Committee (5)	84,777
Deputy Chairs of Committees of the Whole (3)	78,255
Chair, Civic Honours (including citizenship ceremonies)	71,734
Councillor with no additional responsibilities	65,213
Councillor (minimum allowable remuneration)	64,398

Guidance note

The governance remuneration pool for the Whangarei District Council is \$1,030,361. See the explanatory note to this determination for further information about the Remuneration Authority's methodology when fixing members' remuneration.

Dated at Wellington this 23 day of June 2026.



Chairperson.



Member.



Member.

Explanatory memorandum

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

This determination comes into force on 1 July 2026 and expires at the close of 30 June 2027.

During the first quarter of 2025, the Remuneration Authority (the **Authority**) completed its triennial review of the remuneration, allowances, and hearing fees that apply to the elected members of local authorities, local boards, and community boards listed in clause 6 of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002 (**elected members**). That review resulted in elected members receiving increases from 1 July 2025 and the majority of councils receiving increases from 12 October 2025 (the day after polling day for the 2025 local elections). These increases are set out in the Local Government Elected Members (2025/26) Determination 2025.

In March 2026, the Authority sought the views of all local authorities on the matters that it should take into account in making this determination. The Authority received a small number of submissions.

In making this determination, the Authority also took into account the following:

- the triennial review;
- feedback received from the consultation carried out in March 2026;
- economic and labour market indicators, including the Labour Cost Index for the public sector for the year to March 2026;
- the increases received by elected members effective from 1 July 2025;
- the increases received by the majority of councils from 12 October 2025.

After considering those matters, and applying the mandatory criteria that the Authority must have regard to in accordance with clause 7 of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002 and sections 18 and 18A of the Remuneration Authority Act 1977, the Authority decided to (from 1 July 2026)—

- maintain the allowances and hearing fees covering elected members at their post-2025 local elections levels (*see* Local Government Elected Members (2025/26) Determination 2025) except for the vehicle-kilometre allowance, which has been adjusted to reflect the rates prescribed by the Inland Revenue Department in Operational Statement OS 19/04 (KM 2026);
- remove the requirement that elected members can claim a home security system allowance only if their primary place of residence is within the local authority area (local authorities retain the discretion to restrict the application of the allowance to within their areas, should they choose);
- clarify that all allowances are inclusive of goods and services tax;
- maintain the current annual remuneration rates for Auckland Council and Auckland Local Boards elected members until a further review can be undertaken to consider the impacts that the Local Government (Auckland Council)

(Transport Governance) Amendment Act 2026 may have on the Council's governance arrangement and the workloads of the elected members:

- maintain the current annual remuneration rates for regional councils, community boards, and most territorial authorities;
- apply an increase of no greater than 1.7% to the annual remuneration rates of 19 territorial authorities that received an increase of less than 1.7% following the October 2025 local elections (this figure was informed by the Labour Cost Index for the public sector for the year to March 2026).

The governance remuneration pools for the majority of local authorities are maintained at their post-2025 local election levels. The exceptions are the 19 territorial authorities whose pools have been adjusted by up to 1.7% to reflect the increases made to their elected members' remuneration. The governance remuneration pools for each local authority are included in the guidance notes in the Schedule.

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