

Council Policy 1.3

Members', Independent Committee Members', Chairperson's and Deputy Chairperson's Fees and Allowances

Strategic Plan Objective

To report against the revised 10 Year Strategic Plan 2017-2027 and the Sustainability Strategy 2022/2023 – 2026/2027 objectives.

Purpose

Payment of fees and allowances paid to the Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson, council members and deputy council members.

Legislation and Standards

Local Government Act (1995) s5.98 - 5.99E

Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996, Reg. 30, 33 – 34 AB.

Policy Statement

1. That payments be made as follows:
 - To members, other than the Chairperson, an annual fee for attending meetings [s.5.99];
 - To the Chairperson, an annual fee for attending meetings [s.5.99];
 - To the Chairperson, an annual local government allowance [s.5.98(5)];
 - To the Deputy Chairperson, an annual local government allowance of 25% of the amount payable to the Chairperson [s.5.98A];
 - To deputies of members when the deputy is deputising for a member at a Council or Committee meeting the prescribed maximum fee payable to a member for attending a meeting [s.5.98(1)]; and
 - To independent committee members, a meeting fee on a per meeting basis for attending committee meetings [s.5.100(2)(b)]
2. That the fees and allowances payable to the Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson, and members be the maximum payable in accordance with Section 5.98, 5.98A and 5.99 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, as determined by the Salaries and Allowances Tribunal in accordance with the Council resolution of the meeting held 18 July 2013 and reaffirmed at the meeting held 22 May 2025.
3. That from 1 July 2025, the allowances payable to the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson be the maximum payable in accordance with Section 5.98 and 5.98A of the *Local Government Act 1995*, as determined by the Salaries and Allowances Tribunal in accordance with the Council resolution of the meeting held 26 June 2025.
4. That the fees payable to the independent committee members be \$800 per meeting in accordance with Section 5.100(2)(b) of the *Local Government Act 1995*, as determined by the Salaries and Allowances Tribunal in accordance with the Council resolution of the meeting held 25 June 2026.



5. That the payment of superannuation contributions to be made to all council members in accordance with Section 5.99B of the *Local Government Act (1995)*.

Financial Considerations

Fees and allowances are to be provided for in the annual budget

Adopted/Reviewed

03 July 1997
22 July 1999
28 June 2001
02 May 2002
26 June 2003
20 May 2004
23 February 2006
18 September 2008
23 September 2010
18 September 2014
06 December 2018
25 August 2022
27 March 2025
26 June 2025
25 June 2026

Next Review

June 2030

Responsible Unit

Business Support Team