

<b>REPORT TO: COUNCIL</b>	
<b>DATE: 10 MARCH 2009</b>	
<b>SUBJECT: POLICY IN RESPECT TO PAYMENT OF SALARIES &amp; ALLOWANCES</b>	<b>FILE REF: A 06.06.01</b>
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<b>RELATED COMMUNITY OUTCOME:</b> All Community Outcomes Strong Regional Leadership	<b>RELATED COUNCIL ACTIVITY:</b> All Activities Governance

Attached is a late item concerning the “**POLICY IN RESPECT TO PAYMENT OF SALARIES & ALLOWANCES**” not included in the Agenda.

**Recommended:** That in accordance with Section 46A (7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act the item **POLICY IN RESPECT OT PAYMENT OF SALARIES & ALLOWANCES** be considered given the item had not come to hand at the time of Agenda compilation and consideration of this matter is required now in order to respond within the time frame allowed.

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**PURPOSE:**

To advise Council of the need to determine remuneration for Mayor and Councillors for the year from 1 July 2009.

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

The salary payable to the Mayor has been fixed by the Remuneration Authority at \$57,069 and an interim pool of \$144,576 has been set for the payment of Councillors and the Deputy Mayor from 1 July 2009.

Council must decide the following:

1. Whether Councillors are to be paid a fixed salary.
2. The level of remuneration for the Deputy Mayor, which is currently 1.5 of the Councillor's Salary.

It must be noted that the Council determination is to be forwarded to the Remuneration Authority for final approval. If Council decided to accept the current salary formula, the Deputy Mayor would be paid \$33,366 and Councillors would be paid \$22,242. Council needs to make its recommendation to the Remuneration Authority.

**SIGNIFICANCE & CONSULTATION:**

There are no matters of significance in this decision, which require council to consult the public.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** That:

1. The report be received.
2. Council determines it's preferred remuneration policy and advises the Remuneration Authority accordingly.

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