

**Reference Number: 2025/1188**

17 March 2025

Tēnā koe | Dear

Thank you for your email dated 17 February 2025 requesting under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA), information relating to costs associated with elected members. Please see outlined below a response to each part of your request.

***Elected Members' Remuneration: A breakdown of the total amount paid to each elected member, including salary, allowances, and any additional payments.***

Elected members remuneration is set by the Remuneration Authority. The latest full Determination can be found here: [Local government members remuneration | Remuneration Authority](#)

The current Determination set annual remuneration as follows:

Office	Annual remuneration (\$)
Mayor	146,627
Deputy Mayor and Chair Hearings and Regulatory Committee	68,241
Chair—Risk and Assurance Committee, Chair—District Plan Steering Group	52,184
Chair—Community Funding and Recognition Committee	48,170
Chair—Capital Projects Delivery Steering Group	44,155
Councillor with no additional responsibilities	40,141

Some additional non-taxable allowances as set out in the Determination are also paid to elected members per annum. These are:

Allowance	Annual amount
Use of printer	\$50
Use of mobile telephone	\$200
Use of ICT consumables	\$200
Internet service	\$800
Mobile telephone connection	\$500

The remuneration received by all elected members this triennium is shown below:

**Elected member remuneration - October 2022 - February 2025**

Name	Role	Taxable Gross	Non-taxable allowances
Bernie Wanden	Mayor	\$340,694.26	\$9,069.14
David Allan	Deputy Mayor	\$158,184.40	\$13,461.52
Ross Brannigan	Councilor - Chair— Capital Projects Delivery Steering Group	\$105,424.27	\$3,610.89
Sam Jennings	Councilor - Chair— Risk and Assurance Committee, Chair—District Plan Steering Group	\$120,244.79	\$3,234.75
Rogan Boyle	Councilor	\$93,399.05	\$3,239.75
Justin Tamihana	Councilor	\$93,399.05	\$6,987.41
Nina Hori Te Pa	Councilor - Chair— Community Funding and Recognition Committee (from 2 November 2024)	\$93,399.05	\$3,239.75
Alan Young	Councilor	\$93,399.05	\$3,239.75
Paul Olsen	Councilor	\$93,399.05	\$3,239.75
Clinton Grimstone	Councilor	\$93,399.05	\$3,239.75
Jonathan Procter	Councilor	\$93,399.05	\$3,239.75
Michael Barker	Councilor	\$93,399.05	\$3,239.75
Piri-Hira Tukapua	Councilor*	\$95,151.67	\$2,723.15

\* Piri-Hira Tukapua resigned from Council on 2 November 2024 – her remuneration ceased at that date

***Mileage Claims: A detailed list of mileage claims submitted by each elected member, including the amount claimed and the purpose of each claim.***

Elected member vehicle-kilometre allowances claims are attached at attachment 1. Elected members can claim the vehicle-kilometre allowance where the member:

- is not provided with a motor vehicle by the local authority,
- is travelling in a private vehicle,
- is on local authority business, and
- is taking the most direct route that is reasonable in the circumstances.

We do not collect specific details of each journey.

Vehicle-kilometre allowances are non-taxable

***Training and Travel Costs: Information regarding the costs spent on training and travel for elected members, including:***

- ***The total expenditure for training and travel.***
- ***Specific details on the training undertaken and the travel undertaken for this purpose (including the destination, nature of the training or event, and dates).***
- ***If you are unable to provide any of this information, I would appreciate it if you could outline the reasons for withholding the information.***

Additional funding is available for elected member professional development related to their roles, and covers attendance at courses and conference. The costs associated with elected member professional development are attached as attachment 2

More information can be found on the [Elected Members Expenses and Allowance Policy](#) and page 100 of the [Agenda](#) makes reference to Councillor training.

You are entitled to seek an investigation and review by the Office of the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Horowhenua District Council publishes responses to Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) requests that we consider to be of wider public interest, or which relate to a subject that has been widely requested. To protect your privacy, we will not generally publish personal information about you, or information that identifies you. We will publish the LGOIMA response along with a summary of the request on our website. Requests and responses may be paraphrased.

If you would like to discuss this decision or any of the information provided as part of this request, please contact Jacinta Straker (Group Manager Organisation Performance) on [jacintas@horowhenua.govt.nz](mailto:jacintas@horowhenua.govt.nz), or [LGOIMAOfficer@horowhenua.govt.nz](mailto:LGOIMAOfficer@horowhenua.govt.nz).

Ngā mihi | Best regards



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