

LATE AGENDA ITEM

TO: Mayor and Councillors
FROM: Murray Staite
REFERENCE:
DATE: 14 April 2009
SUBJECT: Mileage Allowance Review

PURPOSE/REASON FOR REPORT

To consider the appointment of a working party to prepare responses to Local Government NZ's request for information in the preparation of a combined submission on the proposed vehicle allowance changes.

BACKGROUND

The Remuneration Authority is considering a review of elected member vehicle allowances (letter attached). Local Government NZ has written to all councils seeking their input into a combined submission on behalf of local government (letter attached).

COMMENT/DISCUSSION

Both urban and rural councils have differing viewpoints in regard to the reimbursing of mileage claims by elected members. Urban councils would be expected to have access to more diverse means of transport and are normally geographically smaller than rural councils.

It is important that the views of rural councils like Tasman are included in the Local Government NZ submission.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Corporate Services Manager be authorised to prepare an appropriate response to Local Government NZ on behalf of council.

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