

# STAFF REPORT

**TO:** Chair and Members, Corporate Services Committee  
**FROM:** Murray Staite  
**DATE:** 27 February 2008  
**SUBJECT:** Motueka Community Board Mileage Reimbursement

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## PURPOSE

To consider a resolution from the Motueka Community Board in regard to mileage reimbursement.

## BACKGROUND

At its meeting of 13 November 2007 the Motueka Community Board resolved:

***“THAT it be recommended that 2.4 of Appendix Two of Code of Conduct be amended to include Community Board members to have a mileage claim of up to a maximum 1,000 kilometres per annum.”***

Council’s current policy on mileage reimbursement expressly prohibits community board members from claiming mileage, other than from home to community board meetings.

## DISCUSSIONS

Whether mileage is paid to community board members is a matter for the Council to decide and recommend to the Remuneration Authority. However, any such allowance will result in a higher cost to Council which will be either a charge to the general rate or a targeted rate. It is important, as noted by the Remuneration Authority, that mileage does not simply become an additional method of remuneration.

Currently mileage is reimbursed at 60 cents per kilometre. If Council was to accept a maximum claim of 1,000 kilometres per annum, as recommended by the Board, it would cost \$600 per board member per annum.

## RECOMMENDATION

**That Council consider the recommendation by the Motueka Community Board on whether community board members should be paid a mileage reimbursement for community board business, up to 1,000 kilometres per year.**

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