


#### 4. ELECTED MEMBERS REMUNERATION 2006/07



The Board considered a report seeking a decision on which salary option it wished to recommend to Council and whether or not it wished to recommend any changes to the present allowances and expenses in respect of mileage allowance, and the communications allowance.

Eight remuneration options had been presented for the Board to consider. The Chairman and Deputy Chairman presented a further option which they had developed. That option, referred to as the "Akaroa-Wairewa Option", was based on the following rationale:

Position:	Salary:
Mayor	- remain the same
Deputy Mayor	- small increase
Councillors	- remain the same
City Community Board Members	- decrease to amount as adopted by Council on 02 December 2004
Banks Peninsula Community Board Members	- 80% of City Community Board members

Board members believed that there should be parity between the city and rural Community Board's because they were expected to carry out the same duties, but they recognised that the political reality of the situation meant that this probably would not occur. In agreeing on the above proposal they wished to signal that the Board does recognise there is a population representation imbalance, between the rural and city boards, and they were therefore prepared to accept a lower level of remuneration. Members also wished to stress the amount of time they spent in travelling, for example a return trip to a seminar in Christchurch, for Akaroa Board members, took 3 hours, and they believed this should be taken into account when deciding on remuneration levels.

The Board **decided** to support the Akaroa-Wairewa Option for members remuneration and to support an increase in mileage allowance to 70 cents with unlimited kilometres and an increase in the communications allowance for the Deputy Mayor, Councillors and Community Board Chairs to \$150 per month.