

1. ELECTED MEMBERS' REMUNERATION 2007/08

The Board's comments were sought on options for elected members' remuneration for 2007/08. The Board **decided** to recommend that:

- (a) All elected member salaries (with the exception of the Mayor) be continued at their present levels until the existing members go out of office following the October 2007 elections.
- (b) For the balance for the 2007/08 year following October 2007 elections, it be recommended to the incoming Council that:
 - (i) The salaries for all elected members, excluding the Mayor, be reduced on a pro-rata basis, so that the total payments could be accommodated within the total 2007/08 remuneration pool of \$1,581,844.
 - (ii) That the schedule of elected member allowances and expenses be amended to provide for the payment of a standard communication allowance, plus Broadband, to all elected members.
- (c) The role description for Community Board members developed by Local Government New Zealand (as tabled at the meeting) be adopted in preference to the role description developed by the HayGroup; and a role description be developed for a councillor and chairperson of a community board.
- (d) The Council advocate to the Local Government Minister and Minister of State Services:
 - (i) That membership of the Remuneration Authority should include an experienced local government representative.
 - (ii) That a review be undertaken regarding the allocation of the pool, taking into account the workload of elected members as per the requirements of the Local Government Act 2002.