



8.4	REVIEW OF MAYORAL AND COUNCILLOR ALLOWANCES
WARD:	WHOLE OF MUNICIPALITY
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PURPOSE

To determine the level of Mayoral and Councillor allowances for the next four years.

I. RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1.1 Having called for and considered submissions in relation to the review of Mayoral and Councillor allowances as required by section 74 of the Local Government Act 1989 (the Act), determines the following allowances:
 - 1.1.1 Mayoral allowance of \$94,641 per annum.
 - 1.1.2 Councillor allowance of \$29,630 per annum.
- 1.2 Notes that Mayoral and Councillor allowances are also subject to the addition of the equivalent of the superannuation guarantee (currently 9.5%).
- 1.3 Notes that these allowances are applicable from the date of this Council resolution for the next four years subject to annual reviews by the Minister for Local Government.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Section 74(1) of the Act states that a Council must review and determine the level of the Mayoral allowance and the Councillor allowance within the period of 6 months after a general election or by the next 30 June, whichever is later. Therefore the latest date that Council must review and determine its Mayoral and Councillor allowances is 30 June 2017.
- 2.2 Councils are categorised by the Minister for Local Government within a three level framework based on population and income.
- 2.3 Port Phillip City Council is classified in the highest category, level 3. In each category a minimum and maximum range of Mayor and Councillor allowances are set by the Minister for Local Government.

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- 2.4 The current ranges set by the Minister for Local Government for Port Phillip Council (level 3) is:
 - 2.4.1 Mayoral allowance up to \$94,641; and
 - 2.4.2 Councillor allowance between \$12,367 - \$29,630.
- 2.5 Council at its meeting held on 15 March 2017 resolved to call for public submissions pursuant to section 223 of the Act regarding its proposal to set the Mayoral allowance at \$94,641 per annum and the Councillor allowance at \$29,630 per annum.

3. KEY INFORMATION

- 3.1 A public notice calling for submissions on Council's proposal to set the Mayoral and Councillor allowances was placed in the Port Phillip Leader on 28 March 2017 and on Council's website.
- 3.2 The public notice stated that submissions will be received up to Friday 28 April 2017 and that Council will be considering this matter at its 17 May 2017 Council meeting. The notice also stated that any person who has made a written submission is entitled to request in that submission that they or a person acting on their behalf be heard by Council in support of their written submission.
- 3.3 The amount of allowances proposed in this report are the same as are currently being received by the Mayor and each Councillor.
- 3.4 At the timing of writing this report no submissions have been received.



FURTHER SUPPORTING INFORMATION

4. ALIGNMENT TO COUNCIL PLAN AND COUNCIL POLICY

- 4.1 The payment of Councillor and Mayoral allowances is to assist elected representatives in their role of representing and advocating for the community which is consistent with Council's key direction of "Engaging and Governing the City".

5. CONSULTATION AND STAKEHOLDERS

- 5.1 A public notice calling for submissions on Council's proposal to set the Mayoral and Councillor allowances was placed in the Port Phillip Leader on 28 March 2017 and on Council's website.

6. LEGAL AND RISK IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The Act requires Council to review its allowances by 30 June 2017. The act also requires Council in its review to undertake a public consultation process pursuant to section 223 of the Act.
- 6.2 Section 79C of the Act states that a Councillor does not have a conflict of interest in a decision in relation to the setting of Mayoral and Councillor allowances.

7. SUSTAINABILITY – Triple Bottom Line

7.1 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1.1 N/A

7.2 SOCIAL & CULTURAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.2.1 N/A

7.3 ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS

- 7.3.1 N/A

7.4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.4.1 The cost to the Port Phillip City Council over the next four years will be a Mayoral allowance of \$94,641 per annum and a Councillor allowance for each of the other Councillors (8) of \$29,630 per annum. In addition to the base Mayoral and Councillor allowances an additional amount equal to the superannuation guarantee under Commonwealth taxation legislation (currently 9.5%) is payable plus the allowances are reviewed annually by the Minister for Local Government.

8. IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

8.1 TIMELINE

- 8.1.1 The allowances proposed in this report are effective from the date of the Council resolution.

8.2 COMMUNICATION



- 8.2.1 If any submissions are received by Council then all submitters will be notified of Council's decision and the reasons for that decision.

9. OFFICER DIRECT OR INDIRECT INTEREST

- 9.1 No officers involved in the preparation of this report have any direct or indirect interest in the matter.