

6.1. COUNCILLOR AND MAYORAL ALLOWANCES

Submitting Councillor: The Mayor, Cr James and Cr Davies

MOTION

As a result of the significant coronavirus financial impacts on our community, Council resolves that there will be no increase applied to councillor and mayoral allowances during the financial year 2020/2021 and until such time as Council resolves otherwise.

INTRODUCTION/DISCUSSION

Under the Local Government Act a Mayor and Councillors are entitled to receive an allowance from the Council.

The level of these allowances is reviewed annually by the State Government and a decision made on them via an 'Order in Council'.

The current circumstances posed by COVID-19 are having a severe impact on the community and on this Council.

Our Executive Leadership Team and Managers have all volunteered for a wage freeze and I feel it is entirely appropriate that as leaders of the organisation, Councillors take a similar step.

As a statement of support for the local community, and in keeping with what I believe are their expectations of their leaders during this difficult time, I recommend that Council resolves to decline any increase in allowances for the 2020/2021 financial year.