

# Elected member allowance, benefits and support policy

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## 1 Preamble

The contents of and the commitments that council makes in this policy are not intended to be and should not be interpreted to be any more than a statement of the City of Onkaparinga's general position in relation to those matters, and to facilitate its aspirations wherever it is reasonable to do so.

## 2 Policy purpose

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that elected members receive appropriate and adequate levels of support to enable them to fulfil their role.

The *Local Government Act 1999* determines the mandatory allowances that apply and how they will be managed, paid and reported

## 3 Scope

This Policy has been developed to fulfil Council's obligations under sections 59, 77, 78 and 79 of the *Local Government Act 1999* (Act) and *Local Government (Members Allowances and Benefits) Regulations 2010* (Regulations) which require council to pay allowances and reimburse costs incurred while fulfilling the role of an elected member.

This policy applies to all elected members of the City of Onkaparinga and is to be read in conjunction with the Elected member allowance, benefits and support procedure which summarises the provisions of the Act and Regulations in respect to elected member allowances, the provisions of facilities and support, the different types expenses and the circumstances in which those expenses will be or can be reimbursed.

## 4 Policy

We are committed to implementing legislative requirements and good decision-making processes, which lead to effective and efficient outcomes for our communities.

We are committed to ensuring elected members are:

- paid the appropriate allowance as specified in the *Local Government Act 1999*
- reimbursed for approved out of pocket expenses incurred while undertaking council related duties
- provided with access to adequate and appropriate resources and support which enables them to fulfil their role.

In accordance with section 79 of the Act all elected member allowances and benefits will be recorded in the public Register of allowances and benefits.

The Elected Member Register of Allowances and Benefits is made available on our website on a quarterly basis.

A person is entitled to inspect (without charge) the register or to obtain an extract from the Register (on payment of a fee) at the principal office of the council during ordinary office hours.

**5 Relevant legislation and references**

*Local Government Act 1999*

*Local Government (Members Allowances and Benefits) Regulations 2010*

Remuneration Tribunal SA, Report and Determination No 6 of 2018: Members of Local Government Councils

Elected Member Allowance, Benefits and Support Procedure

**6 Further information**

This policy is available for inspection, during business hours at:  
City of Onkaparinga, Ramsay Place, NOARLUNGA CENTRE SA 5168.

It is also available for inspection, downloading or printing from our website

[www.onkaparingacity.com](http://www.onkaparingacity.com)

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