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Taxpayers Union
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Dear Taxpayers Union,

Official information request for COUNCILLOR REMUNERATION

I refer to your official information request dated 6-July-2016 for the following information in relation to Council representatives as at 30 June 2015 & 30 June 2016:

- (g) The amount of remuneration received by the mayor/chairperson of the Council;
- (h) The average remuneration of the other members of the Council;
- (i) The highest level of remuneration received by a councillor (excluding mayor); and
- (j) The lowest level of remuneration received by a councillor

Part of the information you have requested is below. This information relates to the 2015/15 financial year and comes from the Annual Report.

b) Remuneration paid to elected members

This information is required under Schedule 10, Part 3, Clause 32 of the Local Government Act 2002. Differences in remuneration between elected members is the result of different responsibilities assigned to elected members.

Mayor and Councillors		Council Remuneration	Role
Cull D C	1,2	146,767	Mayor
Benson-Pope D H		72,010	
Bezett J T		50,500	
Calvert H J		50,500	
Hall D W	1	50,495	
Hawkins A G	3	52,055	Deputy Mayor
Lord M L	1	52,744	
Mactavish J	1,2	62,040	
Noone A B		81,733	
Peat N D		50,495	
Staynes C J		65,650	
Thomson R	1	60,600	
Vandervis L	1	56,760	
Whiley A P	1,3	52,080	
Wilson K M H		75,257	
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- 1. Includes Consent Hearing fees.
- 2. Includes District Licencing Committee fees.
- 3. Includes mileage allowance

We have decided to refuse your request for information which relates to the 2015/16 year under section 17(d) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act, as it will soon be publically available in the 2015/16 Annual Report. This information is yet to be audited and is due to be published in September.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact me and I will put you onto the best person to answer your questions.

Yours sincerely
Arlene Goss
Governance Support Officer