

COUNCIL POLICY COMPARISON TABLE

COUNCIL POLICY 4.12 INDEPENDENT COMMITTEE MEMBER FEES AND REIMBURSEMENTS

CURRENT POLICY CONTENT	PROPOSED CONTENT	CHANGE NOTES	COUNCIL COMMENTS
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OBJECTIVES The objective of this policy is to provide a clear outline of entitlements available to a Committee Member under the <i>Local Government Act 1995</i> (LG Act) and <i>Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996</i> (LG Regulations), and within the prescribed ranges set by the Salaries and Allowances Tribunal through a determination published in the <i>Government Gazette</i> .	OBJECTIVE The objective of this policy is to provide a clear outline of entitlements available to a Committee Member under the <i>Local Government Act 1995</i> (LG Act) and <i>Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996</i> (LG Regulations), and within the prescribed ranges set by the Salaries and Allowances Tribunal.	Slight wording change	
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