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## **No pay increase for elected members**

Southland District Councillors and Community Board members will not receive a pay rise this year.

Council Group Manager Financial and Customer Service Phil Culling said remuneration of Council's elected members was determined by the Remuneration Authority and the amount for the District for next year had been reduced by more than \$5000.

However, the Authority had decided if there was a reduction, the pool would stay at the previous year's level. This is the second year in a row that this has occurred.

The pool is established by taking into account the District population, Council's expenditure levels and net assets.

Council Chief Executive David Adamson said each councillor who wasn't a chair or deputy would get about \$18,300.

That did not reflect the time they put in or the level of complexity they were dealing with, he said.

Mayor Frana Cardno said councillors should be paid a fair remuneration as they were working at several different levels – Council, Community Boards and CDAs.

“It should not be based on population. Our elected members put in a lot of work and the pay should reflect that,” she said.

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