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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- The Councillors Fees, Expenses and Facilities Policy was placed on public exhibition and submissions closed on 17 January 2018.
- It is recommended that the Councillors Fees, Expenses and Facilities Policy be adopted with amendments.

REPORT

The Councillors Fees, Expenses and Facilities Policy was placed on public exhibition from 6 December 2017 to 3 January 2018 and the submission period closed on 17 January 2018. No submissions were received.

During the public exhibition period, advice was sought regarding travel requirements.

In accordance with this advice it is recommended travelling expenses claimable by Councillors be calculated by reference to the distance of the most direct trafficable route between the usual place of residence or their place of work of the Councillor and the Council office. This is provided that their residence or their place of work is within the boundaries of the Council area only. Where the place of work is outside of the Council area travel would start at the boundary. This applies to meetings of the Council and committee meetings.

Clause 4.6 of the policy has been amended to reflect the legal advice.

Clause 4.9 and 4.10 has been amended due to a sentence omission. This clause qualifies the travel arrangements for Interstate and Long Distance Intrastate Travel (defined under the Policy to mean travel to other parts of NSW of more than three hours duration by private vehicle).

Other changes made have been of a typographical nature only.

CONSULTATION

Consultation was held with the Councillors and the feedback provided has been incorporated into the policy.

External Legal Advice.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Allocation of funding is available under the Local Democracy Budget.



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ATTACHMENTS INCLUDED IN A SEPARATE BOOKLET

1. Draft Councillors Fees, Expenses and Facilities Policy.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Councillors Fees, Expenses and Facilities Policy be adopted with amendments.

