

14 September 2023



Kia ora 

Councillor Expenses

Thank you for your request made under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act), received on 05 August. You requested the following:

Please provide the following for Councillors Diane Calvert and Nicola Young for this term and last term:

- *Basic salary*
- *Any other top ups*
- *Expenses claimed*
- *Expenses paid for them on behalf of council like the conference both Tory and Ray Chung attended set out in paper this week*
- *Any other benefits like phone*

Wellington City Council has granted your request for information.

After the 2019 local election, Councillor Calvert and Young were both remunerated \$111,225 per annum. In May 2021 this was revised to \$111,225 for Councillor Young and \$113,025 for Calvert.

From October 2021, Councillor Calvert received \$121,554 per annum and Councillor Young received \$119,618 following the [resignation](#) of Councillor Malcolm Sparrow.

[Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting - Thursday, 28 October 2021 \(wellington.govt.nz\)](#)

Following the October 2022 election, they were each remunerated \$105,283 per annum.

Information about how Elected Member remuneration is set and the most recent remuneration proposals is available in the Council reports from 16 November 2022, 13 May 2021 and 20 November 2019, the agendas and minutes of which are available online:

- [Council - 16 November 2022, 9.30AM - Meetings - Wellington City Council](#)
- [Council – 13 May 2021, 9:30AM – Meetings – Wellington City Council](#)
- [Council - 20 November 2019, 9.30AM - Meetings - Wellington City Council](#)

More information about Elected Member remuneration is available from the Remuneration Authority website: [Pay for local government elected members | Remuneration Authority \(remauthority.govt.nz\)](https://remauthority.govt.nz)

Councillors can claim annually for certain travel expenses, IT equipment or other allowances, as per the [Elected Member Allowances and Entitlements Policy](#), (agreed in November 2022).

Councillor Young for period 01 July 2022 – 30 June 2023

Personal device/laptop	\$400
Personal printer	\$50
ICT Consumables	\$200
Internet	\$800

Councillor Young does not use Council supplied IT equipment.

Councillor Calvert uses a Wellington City Council supplied laptop and mobile phone.

Councillor Calvert did not make any claims for the period 01 July 2022 – 30 June 2023.

Our records of allowance, entitlement claims and reimbursements prior to July 2022 would require substantial collation to be able to respond within the parameters of your request.

Training, development and conferences attended by Cr Calvert

<i>Date attended</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Cost</i>
17 Feb 2021, 10 March 2021	IOD Governance Essentials, Finance Essentials, and Audit and Risk Course	\$2,310
29 July 2021	Wellington's Urban Future (part of the Property Series seminar provided by Property Council NZ)	\$57.85 (inc. GST)
August 2022	WARN Security training*	\$252.80
November 2022	Cabix Media Training*	\$988.80
April 2023	IOD Directors course	\$8,514.63

Training, development and conferences attended by Cr Young

<i>Date attended</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Cost</i>
15-17 July 2021	LGNZ Conference	\$2,230.16
3 August 2021	Wellington Development Pipeline Seminar	\$65 (inc GST)
August 2022	WARN Security training*	\$252.80
November 2022	Cabix Media Training*	\$988.50

* These two courses were offered as a group training for Councillors and the cost allocated evenly across all.

Neither councillor attended any courses in 2020. We do not hold information about courses in 2019, but it is likely that neither councillor attended any in the time frame between the election in October 2019 and the end of the year, due to the internal induction programme post-election.

Right of review

If you are not satisfied with the Council's response, you may request the Office of the Ombudsman to investigate the Council's decision. Further information is available on the Ombudsman website, www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Please note, we may proactively release our response to your request with your personal information removed.

Thank you again for your request, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Kind regards

Claudia Holgate
Official Information