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Good afternoon,

The Salaries and Allowances Tribunal has today issued the [2026 Local Government CEO and Elected Council Member Determination](#).

The Determination includes several changes, which are outlined in detail in the Preamble. Key changes are summarised below:

- A general economic increase of 3.5% to the CEO remuneration bands and elected council member fees and allowances (rounded).
- Changes to the Regional/Isolation Allowance, including an increase in the annual maximum for some Local Governments and expanded eligibility to an additional 17 Local Governments.
- Amended wording of the ICT allowance, clarifying that where ICT equipment is supplied to elected council members by the Local Government, the allowance is to be reduced by the cost of the supplied ICT equipment.

The determination comes into effect on 1 July 2026.

The Tribunal acknowledges and thanks the Local Governments that participated in the 2025 Local Government Survey. The information provided materially informed the major review of the determination, particularly the insights in relation to the Regional/Isolation Allowance.

