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Item No. 5 Amendment to the Councillors' Ward Allowance (CWA) Fund Policy

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On June 14, 2017, the Executive Policy Committee submitted the following to Council:

1. That section 5 (Business Meetings & Hospitality) of the Councillors' Ward Allowance (CWA) Fund Policy be amended to prohibit the expensing of alcoholic beverages as follows:

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Meals and expenses related to:
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Councillors must identify reason why meeting cannot be accommodated during normal office hours.
Other information:
Councillors must provide
Receipt showing total amount charged and detailing taxes charged;
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2. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On June 14, 2017, the Executive Policy Committee passed the following motion:

WHEREAS it is incumbent upon elected representatives to conduct themselves according to the high standard of the office that they hold;

AND WHEREAS taxpayers expect their elected representatives to utilize the financial resources at their disposal in a cost effective, transparent, and appropriate manner;

AND WHEREAS Councillor expenses must be reasonable and reflect what the public expects of an elected official;

AND WHEREAS the Mayor's Office Expenditure Policy already prohibits the expensing of alcohol, and has been amended to no longer allow the expensing of alcohol as a protocol gift;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That section 5 (Business Meetings & Hospitality) of the Councillors' Ward Allowance (CWA) Fund Policy be amended to prohibit the expensing of alcoholic beverages as follows:

Business Meeting and Hospitality	

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and forwarded the matter to Council.