

Item 7: Office of the General Manager

7.1 Election of the Deputy Mayor

REPORT BY THE GOVERNANCE COORDINATOR
TO 15 SEPTEMBER 2021 ORDINARY MEETING
GOV400088, GOV400087

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. receive the report by the Governance Coordinator on the Election of the Deputy Mayor;**
- 2. determine that the Ballot for the election of the Deputy Mayor be by Open Voting; and**
- 3. designate the General Manager as the Returning Officer for the election with the election to be conducted by the General Manager assisted by the Governance coordinator.**

Executive summary

This report provides the necessary steps for election of the Deputy Mayor due to the unusual circumstances arising from the general election of councillors being delayed on 2 occasions, firstly for 12 months to 4 September 2021 and secondly to 4 December 2021. The legislative changes provided for the extension of the term of the Mayor but did not extend the term of the Deputy Mayor.

Council is required to conduct an election of the Deputy Mayor for the remaining term of the Council.

Disclosure of Interest

Nil.

Detailed report

At the September 2020 meeting Council elected the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for a 12 month period ending 4 September 2021. With the council election again being moved out to 4 December 2021 there is a need to conduct an election for the Deputy Mayor for the period ending 4 December 2021.

Community Plan implications

| Theme | Good Governance |
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| Goal | Strong civic leadership |
| Strategy | Provide accountable and transparent decision making for the community |

Strategic implications

Council Strategies

Not Applicable

Council Policies

Not Applicable

Legislation

Local Government Act

Financial implications

Not Applicable.

Associated Risks

Legislative compliance obligation.

TIM JOHNSTON
GOVERNANCE COORDINATOR

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DIRECTOR COMMUNITY

16 August 2021

Attachments: Nil

APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION:

BRAD CAM
GENERAL MANAGER