

## 4.3 Election of Deputy Mayor

REPORT BY THE GOVERNANCE COORDINATOR  
TO 12 JANUARY 2022 EXTRAORDINARY MEETING  
GOV400066, GOV400054, GOV400098

### RECOMMENDATION

#### That Council:

1. **receive the report by the Governance Coordinator on the Election of Deputy Mayor;**
2. **determine that the Ballot for the election of the Deputy Mayor be by Open Voting/ Ordinary Ballot/Preferential Ballot (delete two);**
3. **elect the Deputy Mayor for the Mayoral term (2 years) or less; and**
4. **designate the General Manager as the Returning Officer for the election with the election to be conducted by the General Manager and the Manger Customer Services and Governance.**

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### Executive summary

This report provides the direction to elect the Deputy Mayor for a period commencing January 2022 to January 2024.

### Disclosure of Interest

Nil

### Detailed report

The Deputy Mayor is elected by the Councillors from among their number.

The Local Government Act 1993 provides that where the Deputy Mayor is elected by the Councillors from among their number, the Deputy Mayor shall hold office for the Mayoral term or a shorter period (Section 231).

As provided by Clause 394 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005, the conduct of the election of the Deputy Mayor is governed by the provisions of Schedule 7 of that Regulation.

#### **Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 Requirements**

The Returning Officer for the election of the Deputy Mayor shall be the General Manager (or a person appointed by the General Manager). The General Manager has indicated that he will act as Returning Officer and that the Manager Customer Services and Governance will assist.

Nominations for the Deputy Mayor shall be in writing, but may be without notice, by two (2) or more Councillors (one of whom may be the nominee). The nomination is not valid unless the nominee has indicated consent to the nomination in writing.

The nomination is to be delivered or sent to the Returning Officer who is to announce the names of the nominees at the Council Meeting at which the election is to be held.

If only one candidate is nominated, that Councillor is elected.

When more than one candidate is nominated, the Council may, by resolution, decide whether the election shall be carried out by:

- a) Ordinary Ballot - Involving the marking of Ballot Papers - subsequent exclusion of one candidate; further voting and exclusions; repeated until two candidates only remain, final vote between remaining two candidates.
- b) Open Voting - Procedure identical to Ordinary Ballot, however, the voting is by show of hands or similar means, not a Ballot Paper.
- c) Preferential Ballot - The complete numbering of Ballot Papers in consecutive order of preference for all candidates, commencing with "1" as first preference.

### **Drawing of Lots**

If this becomes necessary, it shall be done by the Returning Officer.

In any case for the purpose of excluding a candidate, the candidate's name drawn shall be excluded. In any case for the purpose of electing a candidate, the candidate's name drawn shall be elected.

## Community Plan implications

<b>Theme</b>	<b>Good Governance</b>
Goal	Strong civic leadership
Strategy	Provide strong representation for the community at Regional, State and Federal levels

## Financial implications

Not applicable

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16 December 2021

*Attachments:* Nil

**APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION:**

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