

## **2 ELECTION OF THE DEPUTY MAYOR**

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Cr Graeme Moore be elected as Deputy Mayor in accordance with the Meeting Procedure Local Law to serve until the Council Election in October 2020.

### **Attachments**

Nil

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Council has adopted a policy to elect a Deputy Mayor to assist the newly elected Mayor during their term of Office and to deputise for the Mayor should he or she be unavailable. The Policy also stipulates that where the immediate past Mayor is a sitting Councillor, then that Councillor be the Deputy Mayor for the same term of office as held by the Mayor.

### **BACKGROUND**

The Policy adopted for the position of Deputy Mayor stipulates as follows:

That Council adopt as policy the annual appointment of a Deputy Mayor to support the Mayoral role and where the immediate past Mayor is a sitting Councillor, then that Councillor be the Deputy Mayor for the same term of office as held by the Mayor.

The role of the Deputy Mayor shall be as follows:

- Attend social and other engagements at the request of the Mayor.
- Communicate with the media in the Mayor's official absence.
- Lead Council deputations when requested by the Mayor.
- Chair public meetings when requested by the Mayor.
- Preside at Citizenship Ceremonies in the Mayor's absence, in accordance with Section 27 of the Australian Citizenship Act (2007).
- Assist the Mayor generally in the carrying out of his/her duties as requested by the Mayor from time to time.
- Be available (where the immediate past Mayor is the Deputy Mayor) to provide general advice on the office of Mayor to the Mayor.
- To act as provided in the Local Government Act 1989, i.e. Chairing Council meetings in the Mayor's absence, noting that a vote must be taken to elect a temporary Chairperson.

Provided that the role and duties of the Deputy Mayor shall not compromise the traditional roles of Ward Councillors in representing the Mayor at activities within their Ward.

### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Appointing a Deputy Mayor is in accordance with the adopted policy of the Council.

## **FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

There are no financial or resource implications of appointing a Deputy Mayor as the role does not attract an additional allowance over and above the Councillor allowance payable.

## **CONCLUSION**

It is appropriate for the Council elect a Deputy Mayor to assist the Mayor during their term of office. In accordance with the adopted Policy it is appropriate for Cr Graeme Moore, as the immediate past Mayor, to be elected to this position.