

Meeting Date: Tuesday 28 September 2021
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Time: 7.00pm

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1 ELECTION OF MAYOR

Report prepared by: Civic Services Manager**File No.:** CLM/21/1/1/2 - BP21/489

REPORT SUMMARY

On 24 July 2021, the Minister for Local Government, Shelley Hancock MP made an Order under Section 318C of the *Local Government Act 1993* (the Act) to revoke the previous Order made on 26 June 2020 which postponed the election requirements of the Act for all Councils in New South Wales to 4 September 2021.

The Minister appointed 4 December 2021 as the new date on which the ordinary elections for all Councils in New South Wales are to be held.

In accordance with Section 230 of the Local Government Act, 1993, a Mayor elected by the Councillors holds office for a two (2) year term. Accordingly, Mayoral elections for Mayors elected in September 2019 must be held in September 2021. It should be noted, however, that as the next Local Government Election is scheduled for 4 December 2021, the Mayor elected by Councillors at this meeting will hold office until Council elections are held on 4 December 2021.

At its meeting of 25 May 2021, Council resolved to adopt the maximum fee increase as determined by the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal for Councillors' fees and the Mayoral fee.

The Mayor currently receives \$121,390. This is made up of:-

	Councillor's fee	\$31,020
plus	Mayoral fee	\$90,370

Below are the procedures to be followed for the election process:-

- (a) Determination of method of voting (ordinary ballot, preferential ballot or open voting).
- (b) Announcement of nominations.
- (c) Conduct of election.

ITEM 1 (continued)

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That Council determine the method of voting for the election of Mayor.
- (b) That the General Manager (or delegate), as Returning Officer, undertake the election of Mayor for the ensuing period up until the next Local Government Election by announcing the nominations and then conducting the election.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

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2 DETERMINATION OF OFFICE AND FEE OF DEPUTY MAYOR

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File No.: CLM/21/1/1/2 - BP21/490

REPORT SUMMARY

The role of Deputy Mayor is not required under the Local Government Act. However, at the City of Ryde it has been Council's practice to elect a Councillor to the position of Deputy Mayor.

In accordance with the Local Government Act, 1993, the Deputy Mayor is only entitled to be paid a fee as determined by Council when he or she acts in the office of the Mayor.

Council can resolve that a portion of the Mayor's fee be paid to the Deputy Mayor (in addition to their Councillor fee) when he or she acts in their position or that no fee be paid.

In accordance with Section 249(5) of the Act, it is advised that where there is a determination by Council to pay the Deputy Mayor a fee to undertake the role and responsibilities of the Office of the Mayor, that this fee will be paid on a pro rata basis.

It is recommended that Council resolve to elect a Councillor to the role of Deputy Mayor for the ensuing period up to the next Local Government Election on 4 December 2021.

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That Council elect a Deputy Mayor for the ensuing period up until the next Local Government Election.
- (b) That where the Deputy Mayor is to act in the Office of the Mayor, that this is to be done by way of a Council resolution.
- (c) That where there is a Council resolution in accordance with (b) above, the Deputy Mayor is to be paid a fee to undertake the roles and responsibilities of the Office of the Mayor on a pro rata basis, deducted from the Mayoral Fee.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

ITEM 2 (continued)

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ITEM 2 (continued)

Discussion

Section 231 of the Local Government Act, 1993 provides the following with regard to the Deputy Mayor:-

- (1) *The Councillors may elect a person from among their number to be the Deputy Mayor.*
- (2) *The person may be elected for the Mayoral term or a shorter term.*
- (3) *The Deputy Mayor may exercise any function of the Mayor at the request of the Mayor or if the Mayor is prevented by illness, absence or otherwise from exercising the function or if there is a casual vacancy in the Office of the Mayor.*
- (4) *The Councillors may elect a person from among their number to act as Deputy Mayor if the Deputy Mayor is prevented by illness, absence or otherwise from exercising a function under this section, or if no Deputy Mayor has been elected.*

As set out in Section 231(2) above, the person elected as Deputy Mayor may be elected for the Mayoral term or a shorter term.

If Council endorse the appointment of a Deputy Mayor and if there is a requirement for the Deputy Mayor to act in the Office of the Mayor, Council would be required to pass a resolution to make such appointment. The fee paid to the Deputy Mayor would be on a pro-rata basis, with the fee deducted from the Mayoral Fee.

3 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

Report prepared by: Civic Services Manager

File No.: CLM/21/1/1/2 - BP21/491

REPORT SUMMARY

It is noted that should Council resolve not to elect a Deputy Mayor in accordance with Item 2 on this Agenda, it is not necessary for Council to proceed with consideration of this Item.

It should also be noted that should Council choose to elect a Deputy Mayor (as set out in Item 2 of this Agenda), the term of the office for the Deputy Mayor will also be determined within the resolution of Item 2 and the term endorsed by Council will therefore be applied to this role.

Below are the procedures to be followed for the election process:-

- (a) Determination of method of voting (ordinary ballot, preferential ballot or open voting).
- (b) Announcement of nominations.
- (c) Conduct of election.

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That Council determine the method of voting for the election of Deputy Mayor.
- (b) That the General Manager (or delegate), as Returning Officer, undertake the election of Deputy Mayor by announcing the nominations and then conducting the election.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

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4 COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS - Appointment of Councillor Members to Standing Committees

Report prepared by: Civic Services Manager

File No.: CLM/21/1/1/2 - BP21/493

REPORT SUMMARY

This report seeks Council's determination of Councillor members to the Works and Community Committee and Finance and Governance Committee.

It should be noted that at its meeting held on 24 August 2021, Council confirmed the schedule of meeting dates up to the Local Government Election in December 2021.

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That Council endorse its Standing Committees of Works and Community Committee and Finance and Governance Committee.
- (b) That Council determine the Committee members for the Works and Community Committee for the ensuing period up until the Local Government Election in December 2021.
- (c) That Council determine the Committee members for the Finance and Governance Committee for the ensuing period up until the Local Government Election in December 2021.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

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ITEM 4 (continued)**Discussion**

Council's current Standing Committees are as follows:-

- Works and Community Committee; and
- Finance and Governance Committee.

Council is to determine the appointment of Councillor Members to the Standing Committees.

Council's Code of Meeting Practice allows for the Works and Community Committee and the Finance and Governance Committee meetings to be held on the second Tuesday of the months February to December inclusive.

The Code allows for Council meetings to be held on the fourth Tuesday of the months February to December inclusive.

Appointment of Committee Members to Standing Committees

The membership of the Works and Community Committee and the Finance and Governance Committee is to be determined annually. Councillors can be members of all Standing Committees with the Mayor as ex-officio on each Committee.

The Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson of the Works and Community and the Finance and Governance Committees are to be determined by each Committee at their first meeting.

Financial Implications

Adoption of the recommendations outlined in this report will have no financial impact as there is provision for the conduct of meetings allocated in the adopted 2021/2022 and 2022/2023 budgets.

5 ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND CONFIRMATION OF COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATIVES

Report prepared by: Civic Services Manager
File No.: CLR/21/73 - BP21/494

REPORT SUMMARY

This report is to extend the Advisory Committees for a further two (2) month period to coincide with the Local Government Election in December 2021 and to confirm Councillor delegates for all Advisory Committees.

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That the following Advisory Committees be convened for a further two (2) month period to coincide with the term of Council until the next Local Government Election in December 2021:-
- Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee
 - Arts Advisory Committee
 - Bicycle Advisory Committee
 - Bushland and Environment Advisory Committee
 - Economic Development Advisory Committee
 - Festivals and Events Advisory Committee
 - Heritage Advisory Committee
 - Macquarie Park Forum
 - Multicultural Advisory Committee
 - Renewable Energy Advisory Committee
 - Ryde Youth Council
 - Social Inclusion Advisory Committee
 - Sport and Recreation and Wheeled Sports Advisory Committee
 - Status of Women Advisory Committee
- (b) That the Councillor delegate/s appointed to the Advisory Committees at the Council meeting of 22 September 2020 continue for the ensuing two (2) month period until the next Local Government Election in December 2021.
- (c) That due to the nature of business conducted by the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee, Council confirm the current delegates and alternate delegates for the ensuing two (2) month period until the next Local Government Election in December 2021.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

ITEM 5 (continued)

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ITEM 5 (continued)**Discussion**

At its meeting held on 22 September 2020, Council endorsed the following Advisory Committees be convened for a further twelve (12) month period to coincide with the term of Council until the Local Government Election in September 2021:-

- Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee
- Arts Advisory Committee
- Bicycle Advisory Committee
- Bushland and Environment Advisory Committee
- Economic Development Advisory Committee
- Festivals and Events Advisory Committee
- Heritage Advisory Committee
- Macquarie Park Forum
- Multicultural Advisory Committee
- Renewable Energy Advisory Committee
- Ryde Youth Council
- Social Inclusion Advisory Committee
- Sport and Recreation and Wheeled Sports Advisory Committee
- Status of Women Advisory Committee

On 24 July 2021, the Minister for Local Government, Shelley Hancock MP made an Order under Section 318C of the *Local Government Act 1993* (the Act) to revoke the previous Order made on 26 June 2020 which postponed the election requirements of the Act for all Councils in New South Wales to 4 September 2021.

The Minister appointed 4 December 2021 as the new date on which the ordinary elections for all Councils in New South Wales are to be held.

Accordingly, this report seeks Council's endorsement to extend the Advisory Committees for a further two (2) month period to coincide with the next Local Government Election in December 2021.

Councillor Delegate/s

At its meeting held on 22 September 2020, Council appointed the following delegate/s to the Advisory Committees for the ensuing twelve (12) month period to coincide with the term of Council until the Local Government Election in September 2021:-

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Advisory Committee	Councillor Delegates
Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee	Councillor Purcell (Delegate) Councillor Lane (Delegate) Councillor Brown (Alternate Delegate) Councillor Maggio (Alternate Delegate)
Arts Advisory Committee	Councillor Gordon (Chair) Councillor Pedersen (Deputy)
Bicycle Advisory Committee	Councillor Purcell (Chair) Councillor Lane (Deputy)
Bushland and Environment Advisory Committee	Councillor Pedersen (Chair) Councillor Gordon (Deputy) Councillor Clifton
Economic Development Advisory Committee	Councillor Clifton (Chair) Councillor Lane (Deputy) Councillor Purcell
Festivals and Events Advisory Committee	Councillor Clifton (Chair) Councillor Maggio (Deputy) Councillor Purcell Councillor Brown
Heritage Advisory Committee	Councillor Gordon (Chair) Councillor Clifton (Deputy)
Macquarie Park Forum	Councillor Purcell (Chair) Councillor Clifton (Deputy) Councillor Brown Councillor Lane
Multicultural Advisory Committee	Councillor Yedelian OAM (Chair) Councillor Brown (Deputy) Councillor Kim Councillor Maggio
Renewable Energy Advisory Committee	Councillor Pedersen (Chair) Councillor Gordon (Deputy) Councillor Clifton
Ryde Youth Council (Note: No Councillor Chairperson required)	Councillor Pedersen Councillor Maggio Councillor Lane
Social Inclusion Advisory Committee	Councillor Pedersen (Chair)
Sport and Recreation and Wheeled Sports Advisory Committee	Councillor Purcell (Chair) Councillor Maggio (Deputy) Councillor Brown
Status of Women Advisory Committee	Councillor Pedersen (Chair) Councillor Clifton (Deputy)

ITEM 5 (continued)

This report seeks Council's endorsement for the Councillor delegate/s appointed to the Advisory Committees at the Council meeting of 22 September 2020 to continue for the ensuing two (2) month period until the next Local Government Election in December 2021.

Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee

It is noted that the Councillor delegates for the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee were appointed to this Committee by Council resolution on 22 September 2020.

Due to the nature of business conducted by the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee, it has been the practice of Council to maintain continuity of Councillor delegates for the term of Council.

Accordingly, this report seeks that Council continue the appointment of Councillors Purcell and Lane as delegates and Councillors Brown and Maggio as alternate delegates for the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee for the ensuing two (2) month period until the next Local Government Election in December 2021.

Financial Implications

Adoption of the recommendations will have no financial impact.

6 EXTERNAL COMMITTEES - Appointment of Delegates

Report prepared by: Civic Services Manager

File No.: CLM/21/1/1/2 - BP21/495

REPORT SUMMARY

This report is to confirm Councillor delegates for all external Committees.

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That Council appoint the following delegates to NSROC:-
- The newly elected Mayor
 - One (1) Councillor as a formal delegate
 - Two (2) Councillors as alternate delegates
- (b) That Council confirm the current formal delegates and alternate delegate to the Sydney North Planning Panel.
- (c) That Council appoint one (1) Councillor as a formal delegate and one (1) Councillor as an alternate delegate to the Parramatta River Catchment Group.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

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ITEM 6 (continued)

Discussion

The appointment of Councillor delegates to external Committees, such as the Northern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (NSROC), is undertaken annually.

External Committees

NSROC

The City of Ryde is a member of the Northern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (NSROC) which is a voluntary organisation of Local Government established to provide strong Local Government leadership; to work co-operatively for the benefit of the Northern Sydney region; and to effectively advocate on agreed regional positions and priorities. The eight member Councils are Hunters Hill, Hornsby, Ku-ring-gai, Lane Cove, Mosman, North Sydney, City of Ryde and Willoughby.

Each member Council is to appoint the Mayor and one (1) Councillor as formal delegates and two (2) alternate delegates, however, there is no restriction on any other Councillors attending meetings.

At its meeting of 22 September 2020 Council appointed the following two (2) formal delegates and two (2) alternate delegates to NSROC for the 2020/2021 year:-

Committee	Council Delegates	Provisions
NSROC	Delegates: The Mayor, Councillor Laxale Councillor Pedersen Alternates: Councillor Gordon Councillor Clifton	2 formal delegates, the Mayor and one other Councillor.

Ryde Traffic Committee

The Ryde Traffic Committee (RTC) is a technical Committee created under the auspices of the Roads and Maritime Service (RMS).

The RTC is to be made up of four formal members. The membership is:-

- Council
- the NSW Police through their nominated officer
- the RMS through their nominated officer
- the local State Member of Parliament (MP) or their nominee

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The Chairperson of the RTC is the Director – City Works.

Council's representative at meetings is a Council officer. The Council representative may be a sub-delegate if Council has formally approved this.

Councillors are able to attend all RTC meetings and contribute to discussion; however, they do not have voting powers.

As the RTC does not have any powers to determine resolutions of Council, its Minutes are referred to Council via the Works and Community Committee. Council then has the power to determine resolutions on matters arising from the RTC meetings.

Sydney Planning Panels

The Sydney Planning Panels have been set up to determine the following range of regional development:-

- Development with a Capital Investment Value (CIV) over \$20 million (Please note from 1 March 2018 this will increase to \$30 million).
- Development with a CIV over \$5 million which is:-
 - Council related
 - Lodged by or on behalf of the Crown (State of NSW)
 - Private infrastructure and community facilities or
 - Eco-tourist facilities
- Extractive industries, waste facilities and marinas that are designated development.
- Certain coastal subdivisions.
- Development with a CIV between \$10 million and \$20 million which are referred to the regional panel by the applicant after 120 days (Please note that from 1 March 2018 this has changed to Development with a CIV between \$10 million and \$30 Million).
- By order of the Minister.

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There are six Sydney Planning Panels and the City of Ryde is within the catchment of the Sydney North Planning Panel. Each Panel is chaired by a nominee of the State Government. In addition to the chairperson, the Minister nominates two further panel State members of the Panel. The State appointed members must have expertise in one or more of the following fields: planning, architecture, heritage, the environment, urban design, land economics, traffic and transport, law, engineering, tourism or government and public administration.

Currently, a chairperson is appointed by the Minister for Planning from one of the three State members. This appointment requires the concurrence of the Local Government and Shires Association.

The current State appointed members are Mr Peter Debnam (Chair), Brian Kirk and Julie Savet Ward.

The City of Ryde is permitted two (2) members on the Sydney North Planning Panel. At least one of the Council appointed members must have expertise in one or more of the following fields: planning, architecture, heritage, the environment, urban design, land economics, traffic and transport, law, engineering or tourism. Currently, Councillors Purcell and Clifton are Council's members of the Sydney North Planning Panel (with Councillor Pedersen as an alternate delegate).

Panels meet on a 'as needs basis', approximately once every two months in the City of Ryde's case, to determine one or more development applications. Panel meetings are usually held during business hours, in the Christie Conference Centre, North Sydney. Applications can also be dealt with electronically, if there are no submissions lodged and it is agreed by panel members that no meeting is required.

At its meeting of 22 September 2020 Council appointed two (2) formal delegates and one (1) alternate delegate to the Sydney Planning Panels for a period of twelve months.

Committee	Previous Council Delegates	Provisions
Sydney Planning Panels	Delegates: Councillor Purcell Councillor Clifton Alternate: Councillor Pedersen	Two formal delegates, as many alternates as nominated

For consistency, this report seeks Council's endorsement for the current formal delegates (Councillor Purcell and Councillor Clifton) and the current alternate delegate (Councillor Pedersen) to remain appointed to the Sydney North Planning Panel.

ITEM 6 (continued)

Parramatta River Catchment Group

The Parramatta River Catchment Group (PRCG) is an alliance of Councils, State Agencies and Community Stakeholders who share the common purpose of making the Parramatta River a healthy waterway and living river for all to enjoy. Its mission is to make the river swimmable again by 2025 with the City of Ryde delivering one of the first new swim sites as nominated under the PRCG Masterplan in 2021.

The City of Ryde has been a member Council of the PRCG since 2009. A significant part of the River's catchment area and foreshore is located within the Ryde LGA and is proximate to numerous upper catchments, recreational spaces and residential and commercial developments.

The current Council membership of the PRCG consists of Blacktown City, Burwood, City of Canada Bay, City of Canterbury-Bankstown, City of Parramatta, Cumberland, City of Ryde, Hunters Hill, Inner West and Strathfield Councils. In addition, the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE), NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) and Sydney Water are all financial contributing members.

Each member Council is to appoint one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate delegate to the PRCG.

At its meeting of 22 September 2020, Council appointed one (1) formal delegate and one (1) alternate delegate to the Parramatta River Catchment Group (PRCG) as follows:-

Committee	Previous Council Delegates	Provisions
Parramatta River Catchment Group	Delegate: Councillor Pedersen Alternate: Councillor Clifton	One formal delegate and one alternate as nominated

Financial Implications

Adoption of the recommendation will have no financial impact.