

ITEM 4.1. ELECTION OF DEPUTY LORD MAYOR (CONSEQUENTIAL TO A VACANCY IN CIVIC OFFICE)**FILE NO: S062388****MEMORANDUM BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**To Council:

Section 231 of the *Local Government Act 1993* provides:

- (1) 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.

Section 249 (5) of the Act provides:

A council may pay the deputy mayor (if there is one) a fee determined by the council for such time as the deputy mayor acts in the office of the mayor. The amount of the fee so paid must be deducted from the mayor's annual fee.

On 5 June 2000, Council resolved to:

- (1) "Pay Councillors the maximum of the range (*as determined annually by the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal*) as a matter of standing policy.
- (2) Pay the Lord Mayor the maximum of the range (in addition to his fee as a Councillor) - as a matter of standing policy (less the Deputy Lord Mayor's fee).
- (3) Pay the Deputy Lord Mayor, in addition to her fee as a Councillor, an amount equal to 10% of the mayoral fee actually paid to the Lord Mayor as a matter of standing policy."

At the Council meeting of 14 September 2015, the late Councillor Robyn Kemmis was elected Deputy Lord Mayor until the day appointed for the next ordinary election of Council. Consequential to the sudden passing of Councillor Kemmis, the office of Deputy Lord Mayor became vacant on 27 December 2015.

Nominations are now invited for appointment to the position of Deputy Lord Mayor. Nominations are to be made in writing and signed by two or more Councillors (one of whom may be the nominee). Nomination forms and accompanying explanatory procedures will be provided to Councillors.

The Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 provides the method of conducting an election for Deputy Lord Mayor. The last time the Deputy Lord Mayor's position was contested the method of voting selected by the Council was open, exhaustive voting (that is, by a show of hands or similar means for candidates duly nominated).

RECOMMENDATION

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council elect a Deputy Lord Mayor for a term effective immediately and ending on the day appointed for the next ordinary election of Council;
- (B) the method of voting be open, exhaustive voting; and
- (C) the Chief Executive Officer conduct the election forthwith.

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Chief Executive Officer