

Resolution of Council

23 December 2021

Item 3

Election of Deputy Lord Mayor

Memorandum by the Chief Executive Officer

To Council:

Sections 231(1) and (2) of the Local Government Act 1993 (the Act) provide:

- (1) the councillors may elect a person from among their number to be the deputy mayor; and
- (2) the person may be elected for the mayoral term or a shorter term.

At the Council meeting of 21 September 2020, Councillor Jess Scully was elected Deputy Lord Mayor in accordance with the provisions of section 231 of the Local Government Act 1993 for a term commencing immediately and ending on the day appointed for the next ordinary election of Council (subsequently held on Saturday, 4 December 2021). The office of Deputy Lord Mayor is now vacant.

Payment of Fees

Section 249(5) of the Act provides:

- (5) 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:

“Pay Councillors the maximum of the range (as determined annually by the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal) as a matter of standing policy.

Pay the Lord Mayor the maximum of the range (in addition to the fee as a Councillor) - as a matter of standing policy (less the Deputy Lord Mayor's fee).

Pay the Deputy Lord Mayor, in addition to the fee as a Councillor, an amount equal to 10 per cent of the mayoral fee actually paid to the Lord Mayor as a matter of standing policy."

Call for Nominations

Nominations for the office of Deputy Lord Mayor are now invited. Nominations must be made in writing by two or more Councillors (one of whom may be the nominee). Nomination forms will be provided to Councillors.

Conduct of Election

Schedule 7 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 provides the method of conducting an election for Deputy Lord Mayor (further details on election procedures will be provided to Councillors). The last time the Deputy Lord Mayor's position was contested the method of voting selected by the Council was open, exhaustive voting.

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Chief Executive Officer

Moved by the Chair (the Lord Mayor), seconded by Councillor Scully –

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council elect a Deputy Lord Mayor for a term commencing immediately following the election and ending on 30 September 2022;
- (B) the method of voting be by open, exhaustive voting; and
- (C) the Chief Executive Officer conduct the election forthwith.

Carried unanimously.

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At this stage of the meeting, the Chief Executive Officer, as Returning Officer, called upon the Council Business Coordinator to assist with the conduct of the ballot.

The Council Business Coordinator announced that two duly completed, written nominations had been received, namely –

Councillor Jess Scully (nominated by Councillor Davis, seconded by Councillor Kok); and

Councillor Yvonne Weldon (nominated by Councillor Scott, seconded by Councillor Jarrett).

The Council Business Coordinator invited other nominations from Councillors for the office of Deputy Lord Mayor.

No other nominations being received, the election for the office of Deputy Lord Mayor was conducted, in alphabetical order, and resulted as follows –

Councillor Jess Scully received 6 votes; and

Councillor Yvonne Weldon received 3 votes.

The Council Business Coordinator then declared Councillor Jess Scully duly elected to the office of Deputy Lord Mayor in accordance with the provisions of section 231 of the Local Government Act 1993 for a term commencing immediately following the election and ending on 30 September 2022.