

**10 October 2024**

## **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 18 September 2023, Councillor Robert Kok 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, 14 September 2024). 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.

### **MONICA BARONE PSM**

Chief Executive Officer

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

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council elect a Deputy Lord Mayor for a term commencing immediately following the election and ending on 30 September 2025;
- (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 Manager OCEO to assist with the conduct of the ballot.

The Manager OCEO announced that duly completed, written nominations had been received, namely –

Councillor Zann Maxwell (nominated by the Chair (the Lord Mayor), seconded by Councillor Wilson).

Councillor Maxwell indicated acceptance of his nomination.

There were no other nominations.

The Manager OCEO then declared Councillor Zann Maxwell 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 2025.

Note - the Chair (the Lord Mayor) congratulated Councillor Maxwell on his election as Deputy Lord Mayor. The Chair invited the newly elected Deputy Lord Mayor to address Council.