

Item 4.2

Council Committees - Functions, Membership, Election of Deputy Chairpersons

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Memorandum by the Chief Executive Officer

To Council:

In accordance with the provisions of section 360 of the Local Government Act 1993, the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 and clause 18.2 of the City of Sydney Code of Meeting Practice (the Code), the council may establish such committees as it considers necessary.

In 2019, Council resolved to adopt meeting times, functions, policies and procedures of the following Committees and Sub-Committees:

- Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee, inclusive of the Economic Development and Business Sub-Committee, commencing at 2.00pm.
- Environment Committee, commencing at the conclusion of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee.
- Cultural and Community Committee, comprising two Sub-Committees: the Cultural and Creative Sub-Committee and the Healthy Communities Sub-Committee, meeting consecutively at the conclusion of the Environment Committee.
- Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee, commencing at the conclusion of the Cultural and Community Committee.

The administrative arrangements associated with Council's Committees and Sub-Committees are detailed in the 'Functions, Delegations, Policies and Procedures of Council Committees' (refer Attachment A). No amendments are proposed to these documents.

Election of Deputy Chairpersons

Council may elect a Deputy Chairperson of each Committee and Sub-Committee and, if the Lord Mayor does not wish to be the Chairperson of any Committee, elect the Chairperson of each such Committee and Sub-Committee (clauses 18.15 and 18.16 of the Code).

Previously, the Council has chosen to hold a separate election for each of the Deputy Chairperson positions. Elections were conducted by open, exhaustive voting (that is, by a show of hands or similar means for candidates duly nominated).

At the Council meeting of 9 September 2019, Council elected Deputy Chairpersons for each of Council's Committees and Sub-Committees for a term commencing immediately and ending on the day appointed for the next ordinary election of Council, with the Lord Mayor chairing all Committees.

Postponement of Local Government Elections

In March 2020, the Minister for Local Government announced that the September 2020 local government elections would be postponed to address the risks posed by the Covid-19 pandemic. The Local Government Act 1993 has been amended to confer on the Minister, a time-limited power to postpone council elections.

The official Order under the Local Government Act 1993 deferring the local government election from 12 September 2020 for twelve months was made on 12 June 2020. The NSW Government has announced that the local government elections will be held on 4 September 2021.

Accordingly, given the postponement of the local government election, it is appropriate that Council declare the offices of Deputy Chairperson vacant to enable it to elect a Deputy Chairperson for each of the following Committees and Sub-Committees for the new term of office commencing immediately and ending on the day appointed for the next ordinary election of Council, currently scheduled to be held in September 2021.

- (1) Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee;
- (2) Economic Development and Business Sub-Committee;
- (3) Environment Committee;
- (4) Cultural and Creative Sub-Committee;
- (5) Healthy Communities Sub-Committee; and
- (6) Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee.

Recommendation

It is resolved that:

- (A) the Functions, Delegations, Policies and Procedures of Council Committees, as shown at Attachment A to the subject Memorandum, be endorsed and adopted;
- (B) Council declare the offices of Deputy Chairperson of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee, Environment Committee and Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee vacant effective immediately;
- (C) Council elect the Deputy Chairpersons of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee, Environment Committee and Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee for a term commencing immediately following the election and ending on the day appointed for the next ordinary election of Council;
- (D) Council declare the offices of Deputy Chairperson of the Sub-Committees of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee and Cultural and Community Committee vacant effective immediately;
- (E) Council elect the Deputy Chairpersons of the Sub-Committees of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee and Cultural and Community Committee for a term commencing immediately following the election and ending on the day appointed for the next ordinary election of Council;

- (F) if the Lord Mayor does not wish to be the Chairperson of any Committee, Council elect the Chairperson of each such Committee for a term effective immediately and ending on the day appointed for the next ordinary election of Council;
- (G) the method of voting be open, exhaustive voting; and
- (H) the Chief Executive Officer conduct the election forthwith.

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Chief Executive Officer

Attachments

Attachment A. Functions, Delegations, Policies and Procedures of Council Committees