

Relevant Information for Council

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TO: Lord Mayor and Councillors

FROM: Jeremy Kelshaw, Executive Manager, Chief Executive Office

THROUGH: Monica Barone, Chief Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Information Relevant To Item 6.6 – Public Exhibition - Councillors' Expenses and Facilities Policy

For Noting

This memo is for the information of the Lord Mayor and Councillors.

Background

At the meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee, further information was requested on:

- whether usage of rideshare platforms could be incorporated into the Policy; and
- reporting requirements.

Rideshare platforms

Currently, the Councillors' Expenses and Facilities Policy does not allow rideshare platforms to be used. Past reviews of these services have indicated they are not appropriate for corporate use by the City due to the absence of centralised reporting and payment systems, as well as concerns as to the contractual relationships and insurance coverage of these services.

It is acknowledged that there have been recent changes in the way these services operate. City staff will research current arrangements for rideshare platforms and their appropriateness for use by Councillors taking into account the reporting, cost benefit and insurance considerations. Information will be provided to Councillors when this investigation is complete, including whether an update will be recommended to the Councillors' Expenses and Facilities Policy.

Reporting of expenses

Section 217 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 details the information required for inclusion in the annual report.

Part 6 of the Councillors' Expenses and Facilities Policy 'Accountability and Transparency', reflects the statutory reporting requirements and provides details of the City's obligations and reporting on Councillor expenditure, including those under section 217 of the Regulation.

Clause 46 of the Policy, 'Additional Reporting of Expenses and Facilities', details that the City reports the total cost of expenses and the provision of facilities for the Office of the Lord Mayor by way of the City's Integrated Planning and Reporting program and quarterly financial performance reporting.

Clause 47, Online Reporting, advises that Council has resolved that expenditure incurred in accordance with this Policy will be published on the City's website quarterly.

Memo from Jeremy Kelshaw, Executive Manager, Chief Executive Office

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Approved

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MONICA BARONE

Chief Executive Officer