

**Item 4.5****Determination of Number of Councillors****File No: X001937****Memorandum by the Chief Executive Officer**

To Council:

Section 224 of the Local Government Act 1993 requires that:

- (1) A council must have a least five and not more than 15 councillors (one of whom is the mayor).
- (2) Not less than 12 months before the next ordinary election, the council must determine the number, in accordance with subsection (1), of its councillors for the following term of office.
- (3) If the council proposes to change the number of councillors, it must, before determining the number, obtain approval for the change at a constitutional referendum.

Council is therefore required by section 224 of the Local Government Act 1993 to determine the number of councillors for the term of office to follow the elections to be held in September 2024.

I am not aware of any reason why Council would wish to increase or decrease the number of councillors.

Accordingly, it is not proposed to take any action in respect of the holding of a constitutional referendum to seek approval for such a change.

**Recommendation**

It is resolved that Council determines that the number of councillors be maintained at 10 for the following term of office of the City of Sydney Council, expected to commence in late 2024.

**MONICA BARONE**

Chief Executive Officer