



# Council Meeting Agenda

**Tuesday 21 November 2023 at 7 PM**

**Council Chamber, Malvern Town Hall  
Corner Glenferrie Road & High Street, Malvern**

## **Information for the Community**

The meeting will be conducted as follows:

1. partially in person and partially by electronic means; but if all Councillors attend in person then
2. wholly in person; but if no Councillor attends in person and five or more Councillors request to attend by electronic means then
3. wholly by electronic means.

## **Welcome**

Welcome to a City of Stonnington Council meeting.

The Council has adopted Governance Rules in accordance with the Local Government Act 2020 which determine the way in which the Council will make decisions.

## **About this meeting**

The agenda lists all the items to be considered by the Council. Each report is written by a Council Officer and outlines the purpose of the report, relevant information and a recommendation for the Council. The Council will consider the report and either accept, reject or make amendments to the recommendation. Council decisions are adopted if they receive a majority vote from the Councillors present at the meeting.

## **Arrangements to ensure meetings are accessible to the public**

Council meetings are generally held at the Malvern Council Chamber, corner High Street and Glenferrie Road (entry via Glenferrie Road via the door closest to the Malvern Police Station). The Malvern Council Chamber is accessible to all. Accessible toilets are also available. If you require translation, interpreting services or a hearing loop, please contact the Council's Civic Support Officer on 03 8290 1331 to make appropriate arrangements before the meeting.

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## **Live webcasting**

Council meetings are broadcast live via Council's website, allowing those interested to view proceedings without needing to attend the meeting. This gives people who are unable to attend, the ability to view Council decisions and debate. A recording of the meeting is available on the Council website after the meeting (usually within 48 hours). Live captioning is occurring during the meeting. Only Councillors and Council Officers are visible. People in the public gallery will not be filmed, but if you speak, you will be recorded.

## **Governance Matters**

This Council Meeting is conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2020 and the City of Stonnington Governance Rules.

## **Recording of Council Meetings**

In accordance with the Governance Rules, clause 69 meetings of the Council will be audio recorded and made available for public access, with the exception of matters identified as confidential items in the agenda.

### **Disclosure of Conflict of Interest**

In accordance with the Local Government Act 2020, a Councillor must declare any Conflict of Interest pursuant to Section 130 of the Act in any items on the Agenda.

At the time indicated in the agenda, a Councillor with a conflict of interest in any item on the agenda must indicate they have a conflict of interest by clearly stating”

- The item for which they have a conflict of interest;
- Whether their conflict of interest is general or material; and
- The circumstances that give rise to the conflict of interest.

Immediately prior to the consideration of the item in which they have a conflict of interest, a Councillor must indicate to the meeting the existence of the conflict of interest and leave the meeting.

### **Behavior at meetings**

Members of the public present at the meeting must remain silent during the proceedings other than when specifically invited to address the meeting.

The Chair may remove a person from the meeting for interjecting or offensive gesture after being asked to desist, and the Chair may cause the removal of any object or material that is deemed by the Chair to be objectionable or disrespectful.

The Chair may call a break in the meeting for either a short time, or to resume another day if the behavior at the Council table or in the gallery is significantly disrupting the Meeting.

Your cooperation would be appreciated.

**Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors, Stonnington City Council**

### **Statement of Reconciliation**

The Chair will open the meeting and recite the following Statement of Reconciliation.

We acknowledge we are meeting on the Traditional Lands of the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung and Bunurong peoples of the East Kulin Nations and pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

We extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. We acknowledge their living connection to Country, relationship with the land and all living things extending back tens of thousands of years.

### **Statement of Commitment**

The Chair will recite the following Statement of Commitment.

We are reminded that as Councillors we are bound by our Oath of Office to undertake the duties of Councillor in the best interests of the people of the City of Stonnington and to faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in us under the Local Government Act and any other relevant Act.

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## 1 Reading of the Statement of Reconciliation

## 2 Introduction of Councillors & Executive Staff

## 3 Apologies

## 4 Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest

## 5 Business

# 5.1 Election of Mayor

**Governance Coordinator: Loren Lawford**

**Executive Manager Legal & Governance: David Thompson**

### Linkage to Council Plan

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3.1 Community focus, connection and engagement

### Purpose of Report

The report facilitates the election of the Mayor.

Nominations are invited for the office of Mayor.

### Officer Recommendation

***Council resolve that Councillor \_\_\_\_\_ be elected as Mayor of the City of Stonnington for the 2023-24 mayoral year.***

### Executive Summary

1. Pursuant to section 25 of the *Local Government Act 2020* the Council must elect a Councillor to be the Mayor at a meeting of the Council that is open to the public.

2. The Chief Executive Officer must facilitate the election of the Mayor.
3. The election of the Mayor must be carried out by a show of hands or such other visual or audio means as the Chief Executive Officer determines.
4. The Council *Governance Rules* at Chapter 2, Part B, Rules 4-6, provide for the election of the Mayor.

## Governance Compliance

### Policy Implications

5. Council officers recommend the election of the Mayor be conducted in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2020* and the Council Governance Rules.

### Financial and Resource Implications

6. The Council approved budget year each includes provision for the mayoral allowance, deputy mayor allowance and the councillor allowance.
7. For the period 1 July 2023 until 17 December 2023 the allowance payable to the Mayor is \$126,958, the Deputy Mayor is \$63,480 and the councillor allowance is \$38,316. The value of the allowance is inclusive of the Superannuation Guarantee Contribution amount.
8. For the period 18 December 2023 until 17 December 2024 the allowance payable to the Mayor is \$130,390 the Deputy Mayor is \$65,195 and the councillor allowance is \$39,390. The value of the allowance is inclusive of the Superannuation Guarantee Contribution amount.
9. A Mayor or Deputy Mayor is not entitled to receive an allowance as a councillor while the Mayor or Deputy Mayor is receiving an allowance as a Mayor or Deputy Mayor.

### Conflicts of Interest Disclosure

10. The Council officers in preparing this report have no general or material conflict of interest to declare.
11. Regulation 7(1)(d) of the Local Government (Governance and Integrity) Regulations 2020 exempts a councillor from having a conflict of interest in the nomination of a councillor for election to the office of Mayor.

12. Regulation 7(1)(e) of the Local Government (Governance and Integrity) Regulations 2020 exempts a councillor from having a conflict of interest in the election of a councillor to the office of Mayor.

#### Legal / Risk Implications

13. The Council must elect a Mayor in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2020* and the Council Governance Rules.

#### Stakeholder Consultation

14. There was no requirement for external stakeholder consultation in this proposal.

#### Human Rights Consideration

15. Complies with the Charter of Human Rights & Responsibilities Act 2006.

#### Attachments

Nil



## 5.2 Election of Deputy Mayor

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**Executive Manager Legal & Governance: David Thompson**

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### Purpose of Report

The report facilitates the election of Deputy Mayor.

Nominations are invited for the office of Deputy Mayor.

### Officer Recommendation

***That Council resolve Councillor \_\_\_\_\_ be elected Deputy Mayor of the City of Stonnington for 2023-24 for the mayoral year.***

### Executive Summary

1. The Deputy Mayor is to be elected in the same manner as the election of Mayor. The Council *Governance Rules* at Chapter 2, Part B, Rule 7 provides for the election of the Deputy Mayor.
2. Councillors must elect a Councillor to be the Deputy Mayor at a meeting that is open to the public.
3. The election of the Deputy Mayor must be carried out by a show of hands or such other visual or audio means as the Chief Executive Officer determines.

## Governance Compliance

### Policy Implications

4. Council officers recommend the election of the Deputy Mayor be conducted in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2020* and the Council Governance Rules.

### Financial and Resource Implications

5. The Council approved budget year each includes provision for the deputy mayor allowance.
6. For the period 11 July 2023 until 17 December 2023 the allowance payable to the Deputy Mayor is \$63,480. The value of the allowance is inclusive of the Superannuation Guarantee Contribution amount.
7. For the period 18 December 2023 until 17 December 2024 the allowance payable to the Deputy Mayor is \$65,195. The value of the allowance is inclusive of the Superannuation Guarantee Contribution amount.
8. A Deputy Mayor is not entitled to receive an allowance as a councillor while the Deputy Mayor is receiving an allowance as a Deputy Mayor.

### Conflicts of Interest Disclosure

9. The Council officers in preparing this report have no general or material conflict of interest to declare.
10. Regulation 7(1)(d) of the Local Government (Governance and Integrity) Regulations 2020 exempts a councillor from having a conflict of interest in the nomination of a councillor for election to the office of Deputy Mayor.
11. Regulation 7(1)(e) of the Local Government (Governance and Integrity) Regulations 2020 exempts a councillor from having a conflict of interest in the election of a councillor to the office of Deputy Mayor.

### Legal / Risk Implications

12. The Council must elect a Deputy Mayor in accordance with the Local Government Act 2020 and the Council Governance Rules.

### Stakeholder Consultation

13. There was no requirement for external stakeholder consultation in this proposal.

## Human Rights Consideration

14. Complies with the Charter of Human Rights & Responsibilities Act 2006.

## **Attachments**

Nil

## 5.3 2024 Schedule of Fixed Council Meetings

**Governance Coordinator: Loren Lawford**

**Executive Manager Legal & Governance: David Thompson**

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### Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is for the Council to consider adopting the schedule of Council meetings for the 2024 calendar year.

The Council also needs to determine its preference for how Council meetings are to be conducted for the 2024 calendar year. This can be either:

- a) wholly in person;
- b) wholly by electronic means; or
- c) partially in person and partially by electronic means.

### Officer Recommendation

***That the Council resolve:***

- 1. *To ADOPT the schedule of fixed Council meetings for 2024, (refer Attachment 1), and publish the details of the fixed Council meetings on the Council website.***
- 2. *To CONDUCT the 2024 fixed Council meetings and any Unscheduled or Special meetings:***
  - a. partially in person and partially by electronic means; but if all Councillors attend in person then***
  - b. wholly in person; but if no Councillor attends in person and five or more Councillors request to attend by electronic means then***
  - c. wholly be electronic means.***

### Executive Summary

1. The Council Meeting schedule is set annually in advance, based on a regular monthly cycle. This ensures that Council complies with its Governance Rules and gives Council a timetable of meetings to duly consider Council business.

2. The Council Meeting schedule also enables the administration to plan and ensure, as far as is practicable, that business papers are available to Councillors and the community sufficiently in advance of the relevant meeting, to be adequately informed of all relevant issues prior to a decision being taken.
3. The schedule for 2024 is essentially based around the same monthly cycle adopted for 2023 with some variations to accommodate for public holidays and statutory deadlines. Historically, deviations from the usual cycle occur:
  - at the start and end of each year to account for the Christmas break;
  - where a public holiday falls on a Monday; and
  - to accommodate specific needs.
4. Once adopted the schedule of Council meetings is communicated to the community by Council's website, advertisements in the Stonnington News and a public notice in the Age newspaper.
5. The Council needs to determine the Council Meeting schedule for the 2024 calendar year.
6. The Council also needs to determine its preference for how Council meetings are to be conducted for the 2024 calendar year. This can be either:
  - wholly in person;
  - wholly by electronic means; or
  - partially in person and partially by electronic means.

## Background

7. The Council Meeting schedule ensures that Council has scheduled meeting time to enable it to duly consider all Council business.
8. The Council Meeting schedule is set annually in advance, based on a regular monthly cycle. This ensures that Council complies with its Governance Rules.
9. In addition, Audit and Risk Committee meetings are usually scheduled quarterly on a Thursday.

## Key Issues and Discussion

10. The proposed Council Meeting schedule for the 2024 calendar year provides for 19 Council meetings including the Council meeting conducted to swear in the new Council, facilitate the election of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor and Councillor Assignments to

various external management committees/boards, internal advisory committees and project steering committees.

11. Councillor Briefing Sessions are predominantly held on a Monday and it is suggested the commencement time be 5.30pm in 2024. Currently, Councillor Briefing Sessions are scheduled to commence at 6pm. Council meetings are also largely held on a Monday and commence at 7:00pm.
12. The proposed 2024 schedule of fixed Council meetings recognises the requirement of not scheduling meetings of Council during the school holidays to enhance civic engagement with the community and enable Councillors with school age children the opportunity to spend family time together.
13. The proposed Council Meeting schedule for 2024 recognises the General Council Election in October 2024 and the associated election period.
14. The Governance Rules enable a Councillor to attend and be present at a Council meeting by electronic means of communication. Practically speaking, then, it allows hybrid meetings to take place (with some Councillors being physically present in the Council Chamber and others being 'in attendance' and 'present' electronically).
15. Council meetings can be conducted either:
  - wholly in person
  - wholly by electronic means; or
  - partially in person and partially by electronic means.
16. Should the Council be of the mind to continue with Council meetings and the Councillor Briefing Session on a Monday, the proposed 2024 Council Meeting Schedule is at **Attachment 1**. Due to the gazettal of a public holiday, a Councillor Briefing Session is proposed to be conducted on Tuesday 12 March 2024 following the Labour Day public holiday.
17. The Council needs to determine the Council Meeting schedule and preference for the conduct of Council meetings for the 2024 calendar year.
18. The Governance Rules provide that reasonable notice of each Council meeting must be provided to the public by the Council preparing and adopting a schedule of meetings annually and arranging its publication on the Council website.

## Governance Compliance

### Policy Implications

19. The Governance Rules guide good governance by incorporating the governance principles contained in the Act.

### Financial and Resource Implications

20. The cost of advertising and conducting formal and informal meetings of Council is incorporated as part of the Legal and Governance Department annual operating budget.
21. The scheduling of Council meetings and Councillor Briefing Sessions does have implications for staff costs (such as overtime expenditure or time-in-lieu), which are met under the respective departmental budgets.

### Conflicts of Interest Disclosure

22. No member of Council staff, or other person engaged under a contract, involved in advising or in preparing this report has declared a material or general conflict of interest in relation to the matter of the report.

### Legal / Risk Implications

23. Failure of the Council to give public notice of Council meetings on the Council website and a preference for the conduct of Council meetings will result in non-compliance with the Governance Rules.

### Stakeholder Consultation

24. The proposed Council Meeting schedule endeavors to balance the need for formal meeting opportunities with the demands of Councillors' other roles and responsibilities and personal time.
25. The Senior Leadership Team and external members of the Audit and Risk Committee were consulted with respect to the Council Meeting schedule for the 2024 calendar year.
26. Should Council adopt the proposed Council Meeting schedule, Council meetings will be advertised on Council's website, in addition to advertising in the Stonnington News. Public notice of the meeting schedule for 2024 will also be given in the Age newspaper.
27. There was no requirement for external stakeholder consultation.

## Human Rights Consideration

28. The Council Meeting Schedule for 2024 could be considered to intersect with the Victorian Human Rights Charter, in the context of an individual's right to participate in public life. Whilst the choice of a meeting schedule may affect the convenience or preferences of individual members of the Stonnington community, it is unlikely to systemically infringe upon human rights.

## Attachments

1. 2024 Council Meeting Dates - Att 1 [5.3.1 - 1 page]



## 2024 Council Meeting Dates

Monday	29-Jan	Councillor Briefing	
Monday	5-Feb	Council Meeting	
Monday	12-Feb	Councillor Briefing	
Monday	19-Feb	Council Meeting	
Monday	26-Feb	Councillor Briefing	
Thursday	29-Feb	Audit & Risk Committee	
Monday	4-Mar	Council Meeting	
Monday	11-Mar		Public Holiday
Monday	18-Mar	Councillor Briefing	
Monday	25-Mar	Council Meeting	
Friday	29-Mar		Public Holiday
Monday	1-Apr		Public Holiday / School holidays
Monday	8-Apr		School holidays
Monday	15-Apr	Councillor Briefing	
Monday	22-Apr	Council Meeting	
Thursday	25-Apr		Public Holiday
Monday	29-Apr	Councillor Briefing	
Monday	6-May	Council Meeting	
Monday	13-May	Councillor Briefing	
Monday	20-May	Council Meeting	
Thursday	23-May	Audit & Risk Committee	
Monday	27-May	Councillor Briefing	
Monday	3-Jun	Council Meeting	
Monday	10-Jun		Public Holiday
Monday	17-Jun	Councillor Briefing	
Monday	24-Jun	Council Meeting	
Monday	1-Jul		School holidays
Monday	8-Jul		School holidays
Monday	15-Jul	Councillor Briefing	
Monday	22-Jul	Council Meeting	
Monday	29-Jul	Councillor Briefing	
Monday	5-Aug	Council Meeting	
Monday	12-Aug	Councillor Briefing	
Monday	19-Aug	Council Meeting	
Monday	26-Aug	Councillor Briefing	
Monday	2-Sep	Council Meeting	
Monday	9-Sep	Councillor Briefing	
Monday	16-Sep	Council Meeting	
Thursday	19-Sep	Audit & Risk Committee	
Monday	23-Sep		School holidays
Tuesday	24-Sep	Caretaker Period Commences	
Friday	27-Sep		Public Holiday (TBC)
Monday	30-Sep		School holidays
Monday	7-Oct	Councillor Briefing	
Monday	14-Oct	Council Meeting	
Friday	25-Oct	Close of voting 6pm	
Saturday	26-Oct	ELECTION DAY	
Tuesday	5-Nov		Public Holiday
Friday	15-Nov	Election Results to be Declared By	
Monday	18-Nov	Council Meeting - Swearing In New Council	
Monday	25-Nov	Council Meeting - Mayoral Election and Councillor Assignments	
Monday	2-Dec	Councillor Briefing	
Monday	9-Dec	Council Meeting	
Tuesday	10-Dec	Councillor Briefing	
Thursday	12-Dec	Audit & Risk Committee	
Monday	16-Dec	Council Meeting	

## 5.4 Councillor Assignments for 2023-2024

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**Executive Manager Legal & Governance: David Thompson**

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### Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is for Councillors to be appointed to a range of internal and external advisory committees, external management committees/boards and project steering committees (also commonly known as internal working groups).

### Officer Recommendation

***That until such time as the Council resolves otherwise to:***

- APPOINT Councillor membership of Council's Audit & Risk Committee in accordance with the table below:***

<b>Audit &amp; Risk Committee</b>	<b>Member(s)</b>
Audit & Risk Committee	Cr Cr Cr 4 independent members

- APPOINT Council's representative on External Management Committees/Boards in accordance with the table below:***

<b>External Management Committees/Boards</b>	<b>Member(s)</b>
Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV)	Cr Cr

M9	Mayor, Cr
Eastern Alliance for Greenhouse Action (EAGA)	Cr

**3. APPOINT Councillor membership of Council's External/Internal Advisory Committees in accordance with the table below:**

<b>External/Internal Advisory Committee</b>	<b>Member(s)</b>
Climate Emergency Advisory Committee	Chair, Cr Deputy Chair, Cr
Transport Advisory Committee (previously known as the Cycling Reference Group and the Active Transport Committee)	Chair, Cr Cr
Stonnington Disability and Inclusion Committee	Cr
Stonnington LGBTIQ+ Advisory Committee	Cr
Chief Executive Officer Employment and Remuneration Advisory Committee	Chair, Mayor Cr Cr Cr

**4. APPOINT Councillors to chair Council's Internal Advisory Committees and Project Steering Committees in accordance with the table below:**

<b>Internal Advisory Committee and Project Steering Committee</b>	<b>Member(s)</b>
Community Grants Working Group	Chair, Mayor All Councillors

Volunteer Awards Evaluation Panel	Chair, Mayor All Councillors
Prahran Town Hall Redevelopment Steering Committee	Cr Cr Cr
Transformation Councillor Reference Group	Cr Cr
Gardiners Creek Masterplan Steering Committee	Cr Cr Cr
Toorak Park Redevelopment Steering Committee	Chair, Cr Cr Cr
Chapel Street Transformation Steering Committee	Chair, Cr Cr Cr
Reconciliation Action Plan Advisory Committee	Chair, Cr
Economic & Place Development Advisory Committee	Chair, Cr Deputy Chair, Cr
Gardiners Creek Masterplan Steering Committee	Cr Cr Cr

## Executive Summary

1. The City of Stonnington has established several bodies to support Councillors in their decision-making.
2. Each year Councillors nominate and are appointed to a variety of internal and external bodies. These bodies provide an important mechanism for consultation with the community and key stakeholders. Internal bodies and networks provide advice to Council but do not make formal decisions.
3. The Council needs to resolve which Councillors will be appointed to represent the Council on a range of internal and external advisory committees as well as external management committees/boards.

## Background

4. Stonnington has a strong and diverse representative governance, which enhances open communication with our community, stakeholders and Council.
5. Committees and representation enable councillors undertake their roles in a way that represent the best interests of the community and best outcomes for Stonnington.
6. The *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act) sets out and provides a legislative structure for a limited number of committee types. These include:
  - Audit and Risk Committee
  - Delegated Committee
  - Joint Delegated Committee
  - Community Asset Committee
7. The Act is silent on any other type of committee, however, Councils can establish any other committee that meets their needs, provided it has no delegated powers of the Council and does not manage a community asset on behalf of Council.
8. For external committees, Council is a member or participant at a local, regional or sector level. Councillors are appointed to represent Council as delegates to these organisations. In some cases, an alternate is also appointed who can attend if the primary Councillor is not available.
9. All advisory committees have a term of reference which outlines the purpose of the committee and how the meetings are governed.

## Key Issues and Discussion

10. Over time, the City of Stonnington, has established and implemented the following Councillor Assignments committee framework is in place:
  - Audit and Risk Committee
  - External Management Committees/Boards
  - External/Internal Advisory Committees, often with community representation
  - Internal Advisory Committees and Project Steering Committees (also commonly known as internal working groups)
  
11. Each year Council is required to nominate and appointment councillor representatives to the Audit and Risk Committee, External Management Committees/Boards, External/Internal Advisory Committees, Internal Advisory Committees and Project Steering Committees.
  
12. It is recommended that the Metropolitan Local Government Waste Forum, the Stonnington Community Recovery Advisory Committee and the Percy Treyvaud Memorial Park Steering Committee be disbanded due to the end of life of the project/group. Similarly, Council no longer requires representation for the VLGA due to no longer being a member. In addition, due to no Councillor being appointed to the Stonnington History Committee for the 2022-23 mayoral year it is recommended this councillor assignment be discontinued.
  
13. To support the implementation of the Gardiners Creek Masterplan it is recommended the Gardiners Creek Masterplan Advisory Committee be established for the 2023-24 mayoral year.

## Governance Compliance

### Policy Implications

14. Council officers recommend the Council appoint councillors to represent the Council on the Audit and Risk Committee, External Management Committees/Boards, External/Internal Advisory Committees, Internal Advisory Committees and Project Steering Committees.

### Financial and Resource Implications

15. The Council approved budget each year includes provision for anticipated costs in councillors representing the Council on various bodies and the running costs associated with the Audit and Risk Committee, External/Internal Advisory Committees, Internal Advisory Committees and Project Steering Committees.

### Conflicts of Interest Disclosure

16. No member of Council staff involved in advising or in preparing this report has declared a general or material conflict of interest in relation to the matter of the report.

### Legal / Risk Implications

17. Section 129 of the Local Government Act 2020 provides that a conflict of interested does not arise in relation to a decision by a Councillor on a matter or in a circumstance that is prescribed to be exempt by the Local Government (Governance and Integrity) Regulations 2020.
18. Regulation 7(1) prescribes the nomination or appointment by the Council or a Councillor to a position for which the Councillor will not be remunerated is an exempt matter.
19. Appointing councillors to represent the Council on various bodies assists in reinforcing public confidence in the integrity of Council's decision-making processes and in the Council's ability to ensure good corporate governance.

### Stakeholder Consultation

20. All councillor assignments will be communicated to the community via the council website and relevant parties informed of the new councillor assignments for the 2023-24 mayoral year.
21. There was no requirement for external stakeholder consultation in this proposal.

### Human Rights Consideration

22. The appointments of Councillors to a range of internal and external advisory committees, external management committees/boards and project steering committees (also commonly known as internal working groups) does not impact upon any of the protected rights and freedoms in the Charter of Human Rights & Responsibilities Act 2006.

### Attachments

Nil

## **6 Close of Meeting**