

Late Report

ITEM 8.7.1

Ordinary Meeting

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commencing at 9:00am

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PURPOSE

This report seeks Council's direction on the exercise of its voting entitlement at the Annual General Meeting of the Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ). Specifically, the report seeks Council's agreement to support the election of Mayor Mark Jamieson as the President of the LGAQ Board.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the LGAQ will take place on 20 October 2016 at the Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Centre. At the AGM, the members of the LGAQ (which includes all local governments in Queensland) will elect a new President following the retirement of Margaret de Wit in June 2016.

The person elected as President of the LGAQ takes office at the conclusion of the AGM at which he or she is elected and, subject to the LGAQ Constitution and Rules, remains President until the conclusion of the AGM held following the next local government quadrennial election.

In accordance with clause 4.10 (1) of the Constitution of the LGAQ, Council has a voting entitlement of 10 votes at the AGM.

There are two nominations for President of the LGAQ Board – Mayor Mark Jamieson of the Sunshine Coast Council and Councillor Ray Brown of Western Downs Regional Council.

Mayor Mark Jamieson has been nominated for election as President of the LGAQ Board subsequent to his election to the LGAQ Policy Executive in June this year. On 30 June 2016, Mayor Jamieson was appointed by the Policy Executive as a Director of the LGAQ Board.

As Councillors are aware, Mayor Jamieson is mayor of the fifth largest local government (by population) in Queensland. Prior to his initial election as Mayor in April 2012, he held a career in the private sector spanning more than 30 years in chief and senior executive roles in media across regional Queensland. Mayor Jamieson would bring to the role of President of the LGAQ Board an intimate understanding of the policy considerations, service challenges and global influencers that are impacting on local government and communities across Queensland.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- (a) receive and note the report titled "Exercise of Sunshine Coast Council's voting entitlement in the election of the next President of the Local Government Association of Queensland" and
- (b) resolve that its full voting entitlement shall be exercised at the Annual General Meeting of the Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) on 20 October 2016 in support of the election of Mayor Mark Jamieson as President of the LGAQ Board.

FINANCE AND RESOURCING

There are no ongoing financial implications for Council in accepting the recommendations in this report.

CORPORATE PLAN

Corporate Plan Goal:	<i>An outstanding organisation</i>
Outcome:	5.4 - Productive, professional partnerships
Operational Activity:	5.4.5 - Build and maintain productive working relationships with governments, industry and community bodies

CONSULTATION

Portfolio Councillor Consultation

Mayor Jamieson has accepted his nomination for election as President of the Board of the LGAQ.

Internal Consultation

The Deputy Mayor, Cr Tim Dwyer, has been consulted on the recommendations in this report.

External Consultation

Not applicable in this instance.

Community Engagement

No community engagement has been undertaken in relation to the nomination of Mayor Jamieson for election as President of the LGAQ Board.

PROPOSAL

The Local Government Association of Queensland Limited (LGAQ) is a company incorporated under the *Corporations Act 2001* principally to represent local government in Queensland in its dealings with other governments, unions, business and the community. Council has been a member of the LGAQ since amalgamation on 15 March 2008. Prior to this date, both the former Caloundra City Council and the former Maroochy Shire Council were members of the LGAQ.

The LGAQ Board consists of four directors (including the President) and oversees the operations of the company and its subsidiaries. The LGAQ Policy Executive (which comprises 15 members plus the President) appoints three of its members to the LGAQ

Board. The President of the LGAQ Board is elected by all of the members of the LGAQ at the AGM following the quadrennial local government elections.

The next AGM of the LGAQ will take place on 20 October 2016 at the Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Centre. At the AGM, the members of the LGAQ will elect a new President following the retirement of Margaret de Wit in June 2016. Cr Jenny Hill, Mayor of the Townsville City Council, is currently the Acting President of the LGAQ Board.

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Furthermore, Mayor Jamieson has forged strong professional relationships with the State and Federal governments and representatives of the major political parties in Queensland and nationally - something which is crucial given the dynamic and changeable political environment witnessed in Queensland and Australia during the last six years. Active leadership of a well-balanced policy agenda has been a key feature of his Mayoralty of the Sunshine Coast since he was elected in April 2012. Mayor Jamieson has advised all Mayors and council Chief Executive Officers across Queensland that this would be the approach he would adopt as President of the LGAQ Board.

In accordance with clause 4.10 (1) of the Constitution of the LGAQ, Council has a voting entitlement of 10 votes at the AGM.

Both Mayor Jamieson and Deputy Mayor, Councillor Tim Dwyer will be attending the AGM of the LGAQ on 20 October 2016. The Deputy Mayor will exercise Council's voting entitlements on Council's behalf at that meeting.

Legal

There are no legal implications arising for Council as a result of the recommendations in this report. All matters outlined in relation to the voting entitlements and election of the President of the LGAQ are consistent with the Constitution of LGAQ Limited.

Policy

The recommendations in this report do not compromise any policy statements or policy principles of Council.

Risk

There are no major risks identifiable for Council arising from this report.

Previous Council Resolution

Council has not previously considered this matter.

Related Documentation

- Constitution of Local Government Association of Queensland Limited.

Critical Dates

It is important that Council has determined how its voting entitlement should be exercised prior to the AGM of the LGAQ on 20 October 2016.

Implementation

Subject to Council's acceptance of the recommendations in this report, the Deputy Mayor will exercise Council's voting entitlement at the AGM for the LGAQ on 20 October 2016.