



COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 16 November 2021

6:00pm

Upstairs Community Hub

(gallery online):

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3 MAYOR'S REPORT ON THE PAST YEAR

Author: **The Mayor**

The Officer presenting this report, having made enquiries with relevant members of staff, reports that no disclosable interests have been raised in relation to this report.

The Mayor will provide a report at the meeting.

4. ELECTION OF MAYOR

Author: Chief Executive Officer

Responsible Officer: Chief Executive Officer

The Officer presenting this report, having made enquiries with relevant members of staff, reports that no disclosable interests have been raised in relation to this report.

SUMMARY/PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to seek a Council decision on the office of Mayor.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. *That Council determine the length of term of the Mayor.*
2. *That the Chief Executive Officer formally call for nominations for the position of Mayor.*

BACKGROUND

The Local Government Act 2020 provides that:

Section 25 Election of Mayor

- (1) At a Council meeting that is open to the public, the Councillors must elect a Councillor to be the Mayor of the Council.
- (2) Subject to section 167, any Councillor is eligible for election or re-election to the office of Mayor.
- (3) The election of the Mayor must—
 - (a) be chaired by the Chief Executive Officer; and
 - (b) subject to this section, be conducted in accordance with the Governance Rules.
- (4) Subject to subsections (5) and (6), the Mayor must be elected by an absolute majority of the Councillors.
- (5) If an absolute majority of the Councillors cannot be obtained at the meeting, the Council may resolve to conduct a new election at a later specified time and date.
- (6) If only one Councillor is a candidate for Mayor, the meeting must declare that Councillor to be duly elected as Mayor.
- (7) In this section, "absolute majority" means the number of Councillors which is greater than half the total number of the Councillors of a Council.

Section 26 When is a Mayor to be elected?

(1) A Mayor is to be elected no later than one month after the date of a general election.

(2) (*refers to the Greater Geelong City Council*)

(3) Before the election of the Mayor, a Council, other than the Greater Geelong City Council, must determine by resolution whether the Mayor is to be elected for a 1 year or a 2 year term.

5.1 The Council to determine if the term of Mayor is to be for one or two years.

5.2 The Chief Executive Officer to invite nominations for position of Mayor.

5.3 Councillors to vote on the election of the Mayor.

5.4 The Chief Executive Officer to declare the position of Mayor.

5.5 The Chief Executive Officer to be invited to present newly elected Mayor with the Mayor medallion.

5.6 The newly elected Mayor to take the Chair.

5. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO COMMITTEES AND ORGANISATIONS

Author: Manager Governance Property and Risk

Responsible Officer: General Manager Corporate Performance

The Officer presenting this report, having made enquiries with relevant members of staff, reports that no disclosable interests have been raised in relation to this report.

SUMMARY/PURPOSE

Councillors have the option to be appointed to various committees and statutory or regional bodies. The purpose of this report is to provide information to Council regarding current Committees of Council, Council representation committees and to seek appointments to these bodies.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council nominate its representatives to the committees and organisations as detailed in the table below.

Committee/Statutory Body	Representative
Municipal Association of Victoria	<i>Cr La Vella* (Primary nominee) and Cr De Villiers</i>
Audit and Risk Committee	<i>Cr Murphy and Cr Lovett</i>
Australia Day Committee	<i>All Councillors</i>
Rural Councils Victoria	<i>Cr Lovett</i>
Grampians Central Waste and Resource Recovery Group	<i>Cr Sproull</i>
Rail Freight Alliance	<i>Cr Meddows-Taylor</i>
Economic Development Taskforce	<i>Cr La Vella and Cr Sproull</i>
Central Victoria Greenhouse Alliance	<i>Cr Long</i>
Municipal Emergency Management Committee	<i>Cr De Villiers</i>
Municipal Fire Management Committee	<i>Cr Murphy</i>
Energy Breakthrough Committee	<i>Cr Long</i>
Employment Matters Advisory Committee	<i>Mayor, Cr La Vella and Cr Lovett</i>
Climate Action Collaboration	<i>Cr Long and Cr Sproull</i>

Walking and Cycling Advisory Group	<i>Cr La Vella</i>
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LEGISLATION AND POLICY CONTEXT

Central Goldfields Shire Council's Council Plan 2021-2025:

Strategy objective: Leading Change

Strategic Priority: Provide financial sustainability and good governance

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Currently there are 14 committees which Central Goldfield Shire Council may wish to have representation on.

REPORT

It is appropriate for Council to have representation on various committees, especially where significant policy and strategy matters are being considered.

In considering who should be appointed, councillors are encouraged to consider the interests of councillors to ensure both that conflicts can be managed appropriately, and that council can be represented through these positions.

The following lists the committees that Councillors have historically been delegated to. Current committees include Associations and Regional Alliances which have a board position available for a member of Central Goldfields Shire Council.

Committee/Statutory Body	Type of Committee
Municipal Association of Victoria	Association
Audit and Risk Committee	Statutory
Australia Day Committee	Advisory
Rural Councils Victoria	Association
CEO Employment Matters Advisory Committee	Advisory
Grampians Central Waste and Resource Recovery Group	Regional Alliance
Rail Freight Alliance	Regional Alliance
Economic Development Taskforce	Regional Alliance.
Central Victoria Greenhouse Alliance	Association
Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee	Statutory
Municipal Fire Management Committee	Statutory
Energy Breakthrough Committee	Management
Climate Action Collaboration	Advisory
Walking and Cycling Advisory Group	Advisory

Current appointments to these groups are included below.

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CONSULTATION / COMMUNICATION:

There is no consultation for this process required.

FINANCIAL & RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

There are no financial implications outside of the standard Councillor allowance for travel and expenses.

RISK MANAGEMENT

This report addresses Council's strategic risk Governance - Failure to transparently govern and embrace good governance practices.

CONCLUSION

Council has a number of committees and is associated with or represented on various organisations that require nomination of either Councillors or officers.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil