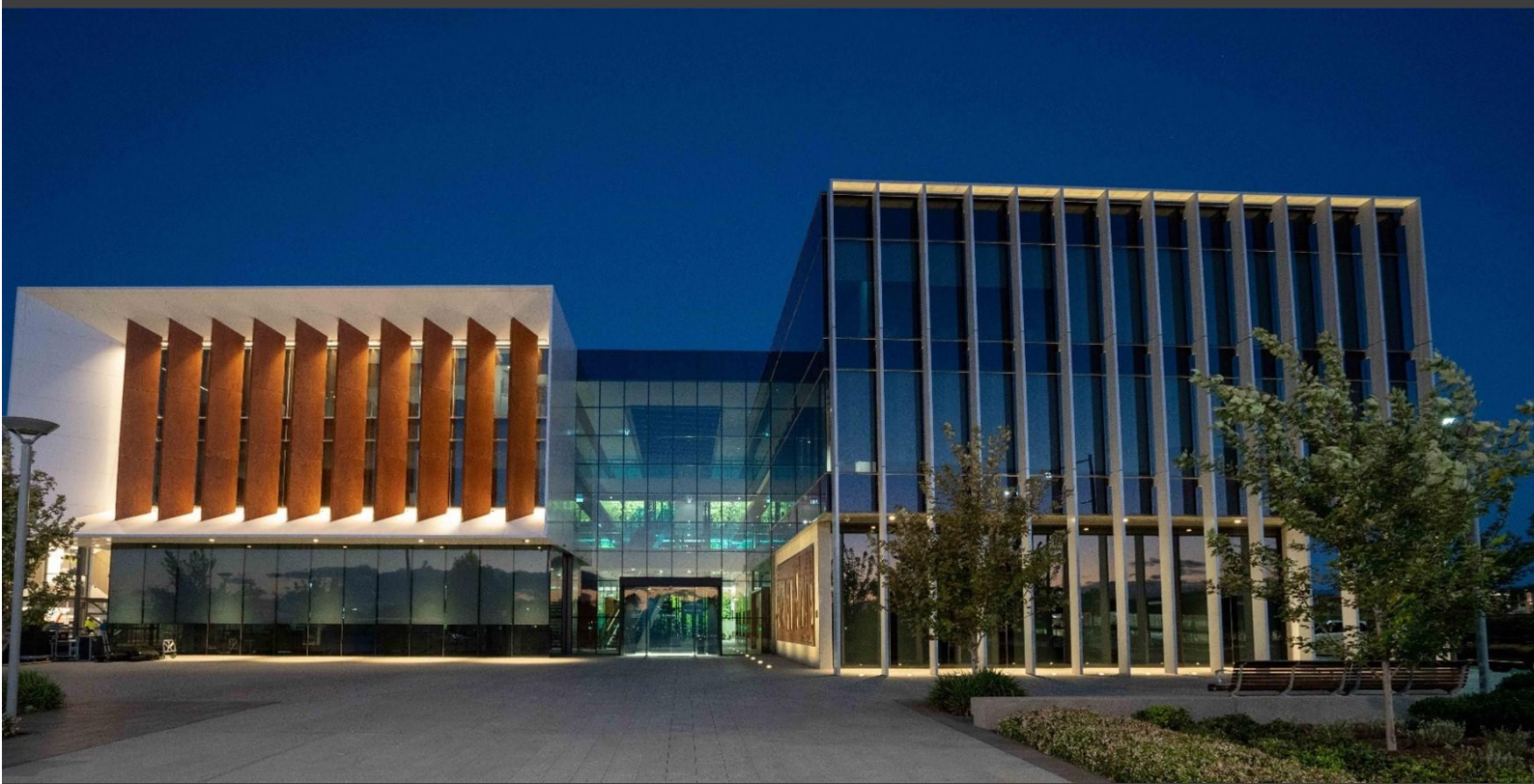


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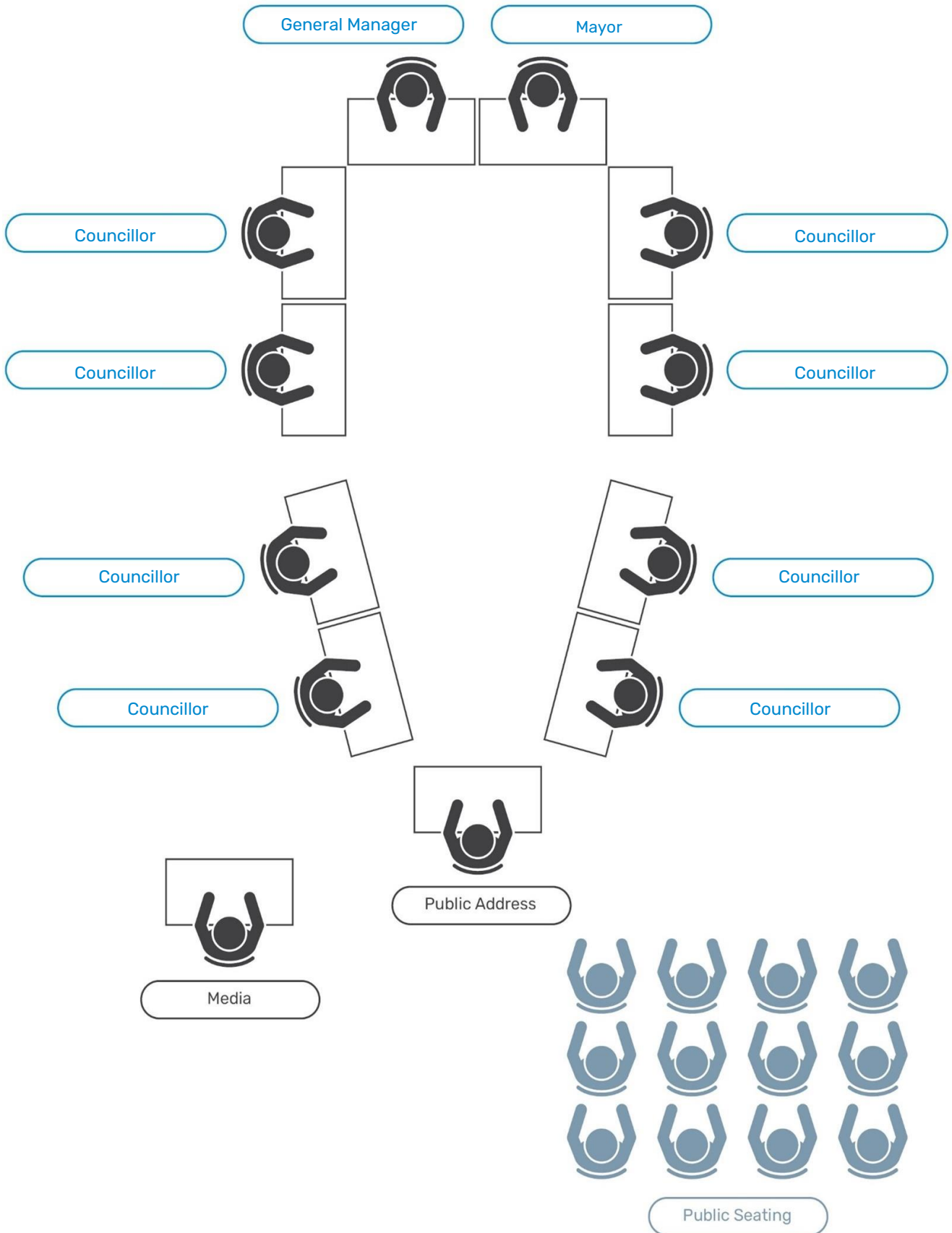


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COMMON ABBREVIATIONS

AEP	Annual Exceedance Probability
AHD	Australian Height Datum
CLEP	Camden Local Environmental Plan
CP	Contributions Plan
DA	Development Application
DCP	Development Control Plan
DPE	Department of Planning & Environment
TfNSW	Transport for NSW
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
EP&A Act	Environmental Planning & Assessment Act
EPA	Environmental Protection Authority
EPI	Environmental Planning Instrument
FPL	Flood Planning Level
GCC	Greater Cities Commission
LAP	Local Approvals Policy
LEP	Local Environmental Plan
LGA	Local Government Area
LSPS	Local Strategic Planning Statement
NCC	National Construction Code
REP	Regional Environmental Plan
PoM	Plan of Management
RL	Reduced Levels
S10.7 CERTIFICATE	Certificate as to zoning and planning restrictions on properties
S603 CERTIFICATE	Certificate as to Rates and Charges outstanding on a property
S73 CERTIFICATE	Certificate from Sydney Water regarding Subdivision
SEPP	State Environmental Planning Policy
SREP	Sydney Regional Environmental Plan
STP	Sewerage Treatment Plant
VMP	Vegetation Management Plan
VPA	Voluntary Planning Agreement



OATH AND AFFIRMATION FOR COUNCILLORS

In accordance with section 233A of the *Local Government Act 1993*, all elected Councillors must take an oath of office or make an affirmation of office at or before the first meeting of the Council.

The oath or affirmation may be taken or made before the General Manager, an Australian legal practitioner or a Justice of the Peace.

A Councillor who fails, without a reasonable excuse, to take the oath of office or make an affirmation of the office in accordance with the Act is not entitled to attend a meeting as a Councillor, until the Councillor has taken the oath or made the affirmation.

OATH

"I [*name of councillor*] swear that I will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the people of the Camden Local Government Area and the Camden Council and that I will faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the *Local Government Act 1993* or any other Act to the best of my ability and judgment".

AFFIRMATION

"I [*name of councillor*] solemnly and sincerely declare and affirm that I will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the people of the Camden Local Government Area and the Camden Council and that I will faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the *Local Government Act 1993* or any other Act to the best of my ability and judgment".

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SUBJECT: PRAYER

PRAYER

Almighty God, bless all who are engaged in the work of Local Government. Make us of one heart and mind, in thy service, and in the true welfare of the people we serve: We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Almighty God, give thy blessing to all our undertakings. Enlighten us to know what is right, and help us to do what is good: We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Almighty God, we pause to seek your help. Guide and direct our thinking. May your will be done in us, and through us, in the Local Government area we seek to serve: We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

AFFIRMATION

We affirm our hope and dedication to the good Government of Camden and the well being of all Camden's residents, no matter their race, gender or creed.

We affirm our hope for the sound decision making by Council which can improve the quality of life in Camden.

Either – “So help me God” or “I so affirm” (at the option of councillors)

We pledge ourselves, as elected members of Camden Council, to work for the provision of the best possible services and facilities for the enjoyment and welfare of the people of Camden.

Either – “So help me God” or “I so affirm” (at the option of councillors)

SUBJECT: ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

I would like to acknowledge that this meeting is being held on the Traditional Lands and Waterways of the Dharawal people and also recognise surrounding Dharug, and Gundungurra people and pay our respect to Elders past, present, and those emerging.

SUBJECT: WEBCASTING OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

In accordance with Camden Council's Code of Meeting Practice and as permitted under the *Local Government Act 1993*, this meeting is being live streamed and recorded by Council staff for minute taking and webcasting purposes. The recording will also be made publicly available on Council's website.

No other webcasting or recording by a video camera, still camera or any other electronic device capable of webcasting or recording speech, moving images or still images is permitted without the prior approval of Council. Council has not authorised any other webcasting or recording of this meeting.

I remind those that are participating in this meeting that your image and what you say will be broadcast live to the public and will also be recorded so please be mindful of your actions and comments. You should avoid making statements that might defame or offend, or that release any personal information about another individual without their consent. Council accepts no liability for any damage that may result from your actions and comments.

Under Council's Code of Meeting Practice, individuals acting in a disorderly manner can be asked by the Chairperson to leave the meeting.

SUBJECT: LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Leaves of absence tendered on behalf of Councillors from this meeting.

RECOMMENDED

That leaves of absence be granted.

SUBJECT: APPROVAL TO ATTEND BY AUDIO-VISUAL LINK

Requests by Councillors to attend and participate in Council meetings by audio-visual link.

A decision whether to approve a request must be made by a resolution of Council. A resolution must state:

- The meetings the resolution applies to, and
- The reason why the Councillor is being permitted to attend the meetings by audio-visual link (unless the ground is illness, disability, or caring responsibilities).

RECOMMENDED

That the requests to attend and participate by audio-visual link be granted for the meetings as determined by Council and for the reasons noted.

SUBJECT: DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Council's Code of Conduct also deals with pecuniary and non-pecuniary conflict of interest and Political Donations and how to manage these issues (Clauses 4.28-5.19).

Councillors, and where applicable, all other persons, must be familiar with the conflicts of interest provisions contained in the Code of Conduct.

This item of business provides an opportunity for Councillors to declare and manage any conflicts of interest that they may have in matters being considered at this meeting of Council.

RECOMMENDED

That the declarations be noted.

SUBJECT: PUBLIC ADDRESSES

The Public Address session in the Council Meeting provides an opportunity for people to speak publicly on any item on Council's Business Paper.

The Public Address session will be conducted in accordance with the Public Address Guidelines.

Where a member of the public raises a question during the Public Address session, a response will be provided where Councillors or staff have the necessary information at hand; if not, a reply will be provided at a later time. There is a limit of one question per speaker per meeting.

All speakers are limited to four minutes, with a one minute warning given to speakers prior to the four minute time period elapsing. The commencement and conclusion of time shall be advised by the Mayor/Chairperson.

It should be noted that speakers at Council meetings do not enjoy any protection from parliamentary-style privilege. Therefore they are subject to the risk of defamation action if they make comments about individuals. In the event that a speaker makes potentially offensive or defamatory remarks about any person, the Mayor/Chairperson will ask them to refrain from such comments.

The Mayor/Chairperson has the discretion to withdraw the privilege to speak where a speaker continues to make inappropriate or offensive comments about another person, or make a point of order ruling if a speaker breaches the Guidelines.

Only the audio recording of the public address speakers will be heard on Council's webcast. Visual images of the speaker will not be captured as part of that webcast.

RECOMMENDED

That the public addresses be noted.

SUBJECT: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Confirm and adopt Minutes of the Local Traffic Committee Meeting held 6 August 2024 and the Ordinary Council Meeting held 13 August 2024.

RECOMMENDED

That the Minutes of the Local Traffic Committee Meeting held 6 August 2024 and the Ordinary Council Meeting held 13 August 2024, copies of which have been circulated, be confirmed and adopted.

SUBJECT: MAYORAL MINUTE

Consideration of Mayoral Minute (if any).

ORD01

ORD01

SUBJECT: ELECTION OF MAYOR - 2024/2026
FROM: Director Customer and Corporate Strategy
EDMS #: 24/480025

PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to conduct an election for the position of Mayor, who will hold office until a new Mayoral election is conducted in September 2026.

BACKGROUND

The position of Mayor is required under section 225 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (the Act). The procedures to be followed in respect of the election of the Mayor are set out in section 290 of the Act (timing), section 394 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021* (the Regulation) (method) and Schedule 7 to the Regulation (process).

MAIN REPORT

Returning Officer

Under clause 1 of Schedule 7 to the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*, the General Manager may appoint a person to be the returning officer. The General Manager has appointed the Manager Legal and Governance as the returning officer for the election of the Mayor.

Nominations

To be nominated for election to the position of Mayor, a nomination form must be completed. The nomination form must be signed by two Councillors, one of whom may be the nominee, and must indicate the consent of the nominee.

The nomination form must be delivered to the Manager Legal and Governance prior to the start of the Council meeting on Tuesday, 15 October 2024. However, to ensure the efficient administration of the election, it is strongly recommended that forms are returned to the Manager Legal and Governance as soon as possible but **no later than 4.00pm on 15 October 2024**. To assist, nomination forms have been issued under separate cover to each Councillor for this purpose.

Election Process

If only one nomination is received, no election is required, and the Manager Legal and Governance is to declare the nominee the duly elected Mayor for the 2024/2026 term, which expires in September 2026.

If more than one nomination is received, Council is required to resolve the method of voting, with the following three methods available:

- Open voting (A show of hands or similar means);
- Ordinary ballot; or
- Preferential ballot.

ORD01

However, the Office of Local Government (OLG) advises that Councillors need to be present at the meeting in person to participate in voting by means of an ordinary ballot or preferential ballot. Therefore, if any Councillors participate in the meeting and consequently the election of the Mayor via audio-visual link, as permitted under clause 5.20 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice, open voting is the only method of voting available for the election on this occasion.

If no Councillors participate in the meeting via audio-visual link and Council resolves to use a method of voting other than show of hands, ballot papers will be handed to each Councillor for completion. It is important that the ballot papers are completed correctly to ensure that they constitute formal votes. Informal votes are described in section 345 of the Regulation.

Ordinary and preferential ballots must be conducted as secret ballots.

The Manager Legal and Governance is to declare the candidate with the majority vote the duly elected Mayor for the 2024/2026 term.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

CONCLUSION

The position of Mayor is required under the Act and the Mayoral term is until September 2026. Council is to conduct an election for the position of Mayor and the Manager Legal and Governance will act as the returning officer for the election.

RECOMMENDED

That Council:

- i. if there is only one valid nomination for the position of Mayor, authorise the Manager Legal and Governance to declare the nominated Councillor to be the duly elected Mayor for the 2024/2026 term; or**
- ii. if there is more than one valid nomination for the position of Mayor:**
 - (a) determine the method of voting; and**
 - (b) hold an election for the office of Mayor at the Council Meeting of 15 October 2024 under the supervision of the Manager Legal and Governance as returning officer; and**
 - (c) once the election result is known, authorise the Manager Legal and Governance to declare the candidate with the majority vote the duly elected Mayor for the 2024/2026 term.**

ORD02

ORD02

SUBJECT: ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR - 2024/2026
FROM: Director Customer and Corporate Strategy
EDMS #: 24/480479

PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to determine to appoint, and to conduct an election for, the position of Deputy Mayor, who will hold office until September 2026 or a shorter period as determined by Council.

BACKGROUND

Unlike the position of Mayor, which is required under section 225 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (the Act), under section 231 of the Act the position of Deputy Mayor is optional and Councillors may elect a Deputy Mayor for the Mayoral term or a shorter period.

Councils are not required to have a Deputy Mayor but, if one is appointed, the Deputy Mayor holds their office for the term specified by the council's resolution. Although optional, past practice has been to appoint the position of Deputy Mayor for each Mayoral term.

The position of Deputy Mayor does not involve any additional responsibilities or functional authority beyond the normal role of a Councillor, except when requested by the Mayor, at times when the Mayor is prevented by illness, absence or otherwise from carrying out the duties of office or if there is a casual vacancy in the office of Mayor. At such times, the Deputy Mayor assumes the role of the Mayor as specified under section 226 of the Act.

The procedures required to be followed in respect of the election of Deputy Mayor are, with the exception of timing, the same as those for the election of the Mayor and are set out in section 394 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021* (the Regulation) (method) and Schedule 7 to the Regulation (process).

MAIN REPORT

Returning Officer

Under clause 1 of Schedule 7 to the Regulation, the General Manager may appoint a person to be the returning officer. The General Manager has appointed the Manager Legal and Governance as the returning officer for the election of the Deputy Mayor.

Nominations

To be nominated for election to the position of Deputy Mayor, a nomination form must be completed. The nomination form must be signed by two Councillors, one of whom may be the nominee, and must indicate the consent of the nominee.

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The form must be delivered to the Manager Legal and Governance prior to the Council meeting on Tuesday, 15 October 2024. However, to ensure the efficient administration of the election, it is strongly recommended that forms are returned to the Manager Legal and Governance as soon as possible but **no later than 4.00pm on 15 October 2024**. To assist, nomination forms have been issued under separate cover to each Councillor for this purpose.

Election Process

If only one nomination is received, no election is required, and the Manager Legal and Governance is to declare the nominee the duly elected Deputy Mayor for the 2024/2026 Mayoral term, or a shorter period as determined by Council.

If more than one nomination is received for a position, Council will be required to resolve the method of voting for that position, with the following three methods available:

- Open voting (A show of hands or similar means);
- Ordinary ballot; and
- Preferential ballot.

However, the Office of Local Government (OLG) advises that Councillors need to be present at the meeting in person to participate in voting by means of an ordinary ballot or preferential ballot. Therefore, if any Councillors participate in the meeting and consequently the election of the Deputy Mayor via audio-visual link, as permitted under clause 5.20 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice, open voting is the only method of voting available for the election on this occasion.

If no Councillors participate in the meeting via audio-visual link and Council resolves to use a method of voting other than show of hands, ballot papers will be handed to each Councillor for completion. It is important that the ballot papers are completed correctly to ensure that they constitute formal votes. Informal votes are described in section 345 of the Regulation.

Ordinary and preferential ballots must be conducted as secret ballots.

The Manager Legal and Governance is to declare the candidate with the majority vote the duly elected Deputy Mayor for the 2024/2026 term, or a shorter period as determined by Council.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

CONCLUSION

The position of Deputy Mayor is not required but past practice has been to appoint the position of Deputy Mayor for each Mayoral term. Council may conduct an election for the position of Deputy Mayor and the Manager Legal and Governance will act as the returning officer for the election.

RECOMMENDED

That Council:

- i. determine to appoint a Deputy Mayor for the period of the 2024/2026 Mayoral term; and**
- ii. if there is only one valid nomination for the office of Deputy Mayor, authorise the Manager Legal and Governance to declare the nominated Councillor to be the duly elected Deputy Mayor for the period of the 2024/2026 Mayoral term; or**
- iii. if there is more than one valid nomination for the office of Deputy Mayor:**
 - (a) determine the method of voting; and**
 - (b) hold an election for the office of Deputy Mayor at the Council Meeting of 15 October 2024 under the supervision of the Manager Legal and Governance as returning officer; and**
 - (c) once the election result is known, authorise the Manager Legal and Governance to declare the candidate with the majority vote the duly elected Deputy Mayor for the period of the 2024/2026 Mayoral term.**

ORD02

ORD03

ORD03

SUBJECT: COUNTBACK OF VOTES
FROM: Director Customer and Corporate Strategy
EDMS #: 24/480916

PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to recommend that Council declare that any casual vacancy occurring in the office of a Councillor within 18 months after the date of the last ordinary election is to be filled by a countback of votes cast at the election.

BACKGROUND

Councils must, by resolution, declare that casual vacancies occurring in the office of a councillor within 18 months of the election are to be filled by a countback of votes cast at the election if councils want to fill vacancies by these means.

Councils that do not resolve to fill vacancies using a countback election at their first meeting after the ordinary election will be required to fill vacancies using a by-election.

A Councillor briefing on this matter was held on 8 October 2024.

MAIN REPORT

Councils have the option of using a countback of votes cast at the last ordinary election to fill casual vacancies occurring in the offices of councillors in the first 18 months after the election. For the 14 September 2024 Local Government elections, this period concludes on 14 March 2026. A countback election allows councils to fill casual vacancies at a lower cost than the cost of holding a by-election.

Potential candidates are those unelected from the ordinary election. The returning officer contacts all unelected candidates who may still be eligible to be elected. Interested candidates must submit a formal application and any candidates who do not apply to participate in the countback election cannot be elected. If there are no eligible candidates, a by-election must be held.

The relevant statutory provision regarding when a countback election can be held is section 291A of the *Local Government Act 1993* (the Act), which is provided at **Attachment 1**.

Where Council resolves to fill casual vacancies using a countback election in the first 18 months of its term, the General Manager is required under section 393C(3) of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021* (the Regulation) to notify the NSW Electoral Commissioner of Council's resolution within seven days of the resolution. If required, a countback election must be carried out in accordance with Schedule 9A to the Regulation.

The Office of Local Government (OLG) has provided template wording for the resolution required under section 291A(1)(b) of the Act, in its 2024 publication *Post-election guide for councils, county councils and joint organisations*, and that template wording has been used in the recommendation of this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

It is anticipated that the cost of using a countback of votes to fill casual vacancies occurring in the offices of Councillors in the first 18 months after the election would be lower than the cost of holding a by-election as the countback election will require few staff and does not involve the leasing of venues.

The cost of the 2024 election for Council was anticipated to exceed \$600,000.

CONCLUSION

Council is required to decide at its first meeting after the ordinary election if it wishes to use a countback of votes to fill a casual vacancy in the office of a Councillor in the 18 months immediately following the election. Otherwise, a by-election would be required to fill such a casual vacancy at additional cost to Council.

RECOMMENDED

That Council:

- i. **pursuant to section 291A(1)(b) of the *Local Government Act 1993* (the Act), declares that casual vacancies occurring in the office of a Councillor within 18 months after the last ordinary election of Councillors for the Council on 14 September 2024 are to be filled by a countback of votes cast at that election for the office in accordance with section 291A of the Act; and**
- ii. **directs the General Manager to notify the Electoral Commissioner for NSW of Council's decision within seven days of the decision.**

ATTACHMENTS

1. Local Government Act 1993 Section 291A

ORD04

ORD04

SUBJECT: DRAFT ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2024
FROM: Director Growth and Finance
EDMS #: 24/340495

PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to advise Council of the following:

- The draft Annual Financial Statements for the year ending 30 June 2024 have been completed;
- The Statements by Councillors and Management to Council's auditor, the Audit Office of NSW, in accordance with section 413(2)(c) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, has been prepared; and
- Dates are proposed for the presentation of the Audit Report to Council and giving public notice of the date in accordance with sections 418(1)(a)-(1)(b) of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

MAIN REPORT

The draft Annual Financial Statements have been completed and the external audit conducted by the Audit Office of NSW has commenced.

A copy of the Draft Annual Financial Statements is provided as a **confidential attachment** to the report. The Statements by Councillors and Management made to Council's auditor, the Audit Office of NSW, is provided as **Attachment 1** and **Attachment 2** to this report.

Upon signing, this representation acknowledges Council's responsibility for ensuring that the Annual Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the relevant Australian Accounting Standards and the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting.

As part of the review process, Council's Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC) will provide endorsement of the Draft Annual Financial Statements before the Council report is prepared for 12 November 2024 Council meeting.

Council's auditors will present a summary of their findings to Council at the meeting of 12 November 2024. Public notice of this meeting will appear on Council's website from 5 November 2024.

A Councillor briefing was held on 8 October 2024 to discuss this report. A further briefing will be held with Councillors to provide an overview of the Annual Financial Statements before the Council meeting of 12 November 2024.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

CONCLUSION

This report is a statutory report which is required to complete the 2023/24 Annual Financial Statements. The Draft Annual Financial Statements comply with the Australian Accounting Standards and the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting. Therefore, it is recommended that Council and management sign the Statements by Councillors and Management as attached to this report.

It is also recommended that Council notify the public that the Audit Office of NSW will present its audit findings to Council on 12 November 2024.

RECOMMENDED

That Council:

- i. endorse the Statements by Councillors and Management, which are to be signed by the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, General Manager and Responsible Accounting Officer (Chief Financial Officer); and**
- ii. notify the public that the Annual Financial Statements and Audit Report will be presented to Council on 12 November 2024.**

ATTACHMENTS

1. GPFS Statement by Councillors and Management
2. SPFS Statement by Councillors and Management
3. Draft Annual Financial Statements - CONFIDENTIAL

ORD05

ORD05

SUBJECT: DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS RETURNS 2023/2024
FROM: Director Customer and Corporate Strategy
EDMS #: 24/390936

PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to recommend that Council note the tabling of the Disclosure of Interests Returns by Councillors and Designated Persons for the 2023/2024 financial year.

BACKGROUND

Under clause 4.21 of Council's Code of Conduct, a Councillor or Designated Person, holding that position on 30 June in any year, must complete and lodge with the General Manager a Disclosure of Interests Return within three months after that date.

MAIN REPORT

Designated Persons have been identified in accordance with clause 4.8 of Council's Code of Conduct and clause 8.1 of Council's Pecuniary Interest Returns and Designated Persons Policy.

Under clause 4.25 of Council's Code of Conduct, Disclosure of Interests Returns by Councillors and Designated Persons required to be lodged with the General Manager must be tabled at the first meeting of the Council after the last day the Return is required to be lodged (being 30 September 2024).

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

CONCLUSION

The completed Disclosure of Interests Returns by Councillors and Designated Persons for the 2023/2024 financial year are tabled.

RECOMMENDED

That Council note the tabling of Disclosure of Interests Returns by Councillors and Designated Persons for the 2023/2024 financial year.

ORD06

ORD06

SUBJECT: LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2024
FROM: Director Customer and Corporate Strategy
EDMS #: 24/481066

PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to inform Councillors of the upcoming 2024 Local Government NSW (LGNSW) Annual Conference (the Conference) and seek nominations for Council's voting delegates (if any) with respect to motions.

BACKGROUND

The Conference will take place from Sunday, 17 November to Tuesday, 19 November 2024 at Tamworth Regional Entertainment and Conference Centre, Tamworth NSW.

Online registration for the Conference is open on the LGNSW website and the draft Conference Program is provided at **Attachment 1**.

A Councillor briefing on this matter was held on 8 October 2024.

MAIN REPORT

Voting Delegates

To vote at the Conference, Council must nominate its voting delegates. This is separate from registering to attend the Conference.

Council is entitled to nominate up to seven voting delegates to vote on motions at the Conference. A delegate must be present in person to be able to vote.

Council must register its voting delegates by 5:00pm on Wednesday, 6 November 2024. Additional nominations received after the closing date cannot be accepted.

Changes to Voting Delegates

A registered voting delegate for motions can be changed at any time by giving notice in accordance with LGNSW rules, in writing, signed by either the Mayor or General Manager.

Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities to Mayor and Councillors Policy

Under clause 6.7.3 of Council's Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities to the Mayor and Councillors Policy, the costs associated with Councillor attendance at the Conference will be met by Council.

Conference registration closes on Wednesday, 23 October 2024. Councillors are requested to advise Council's General Manager before this date if they wish to attend the Conference so that bookings can be made accordingly.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The costs associated with Councillor attendance at the Conference are accommodated within Council's adopted budget.

CONCLUSION

Councillors can register to attend the Conference and Council is entitled to nominate seven Councillors to vote on motions.

Voting delegates must be advised to LGNSW by 5:00pm on Wednesday, 6 November 2024.

RECOMMENDED

That Council:

- i. note the information in this report;**
- ii. nominate up to seven delegates to vote on motions at the Local Government NSW 2024 Annual Conference; and**
- iii. authorise the Mayor and/or General Manager to nominate an alternate registered voting delegate where a nominated registered voting delegate is unable to vote on motions on Council's behalf.**

ATTACHMENTS

1. Draft 2024 LGNSW Annual Conference Program

ORD07**ORD07****SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDING - TRANSPORT FOR NEW SOUTH WALES - SAFER ROADS PROGRAM 2024/25****FROM:** Director Community Assets**EDMS #:** 24/559513**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's acceptance of grant funding in the sum of \$481,000 (excl. GST) from Transport for New South Wales (TfNSW), under the Towards Zero Safer Roads Program for shoulder upgrades in Macquarie Grove Road, Cobbitty.

BACKGROUND

TfNSW seeks applications from councils each year for road safety capital projects under a range of programs. This year a project in Macquarie Grove Road has been successful in securing funding under the Towards Zero Safer Roads Program.

MAIN REPORT

The NSW Government offers funding under the Towards Zero Safer Roads Program. Council has been advised by TfNSW that the following application has been successful in receiving grant funding in the 2024/25 financial year:

Location	Details	Budget (excl. GST)	Attachment
Macquarie Grove Road, Cobbitty	Road shoulder upgrades	\$481,000	1

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Council will receive a total of \$481,000 (excl. GST), including identified contingency funding (P90 estimate), through the Towards Zero Safer Roads Program to be allocated in the 2024/25 financial year.

No matching funding is required for this project.

CONCLUSION

Council has been successful in securing grant funding under the 2024/25 Towards Zero Safer Roads Program. The project will enhance road safety through road shoulder upgrades, and it is recommended that the grant funding be accepted.

ORD07

RECOMMENDED

That Council:

- i. accept the grant funding of \$481,000 (excl. GST) from Transport for New South Wales, under the Towards Zero Safer Roads Program 2024/25, to undertake road shoulder upgrades in Macquarie Grove Road, allocating funding to the 2024/25 budget;
- ii. write to The Hon. John Graham MLC, Minister for Roads, thanking him for the grant; and
- iii. write to Mrs Sally Quinnell MP, Member for Camden, thanking her for her support.

ATTACHMENTS

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