

**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD 14 APRIL, 2004, CIVIC CENTRE, OXLEY STREET, CAMDEN – 5.30PM**

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Present: Cr Anderson, Cr Elliott, Cr Campbell, Cr Kernohan, Cr Whiteman, Cr Cagney, Cr Dewbery, Cr Funnell, Cr Johnson.

Staff: General Manager, Director Works & Services, Director Development & Environment, Director Governance & Outcomes, Senior Governance Officer.

CHAIRMANSHIP OF MEETING

The General Manager assumed the role of Chairperson of the Meeting and welcomed the new Councillors and the Gallery to the Extraordinary Meeting for the election of the Mayor and the Deputy Mayor.

1. Election of Mayor
(3619/2)(General Manager)

The procedures required to be followed in respect of the election of Mayor are set out in Section 290 of the Local Government Act, 1993 (Timing), Clause 124 of the Local Government (Elections) Regulation, 1993 (method) and Schedule 3 of that Regulation.

It is important to note, the Department of Local Government has confirmed the requirements of the Act, in that the Mayor is elected in September each year. Therefore, the term of office of the Mayor elected on this occasion, will be for an interim period of 6 months only and will conclude in September, 2004. A fresh Mayoral Election will be required to be conducted in September, 2004 and in September each year thereafter.

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 consent of the nominee. The form must be delivered to the General Manager prior to the meeting on Wednesday, 14th April, 2004. To assist, a number of nomination forms have been issued separately to each Councillor for this purpose.

If more than one nomination is received, Council will be required to resolve the method of voting. Three methods are available:

- Show of hands (self explanatory - Open Voting)
- Ordinary Ballot
- Preferential Ballot

Once the method of voting is determined, with the exception of show of hands, voting papers will be handed to each Councillor for completion. It is important that the voting papers are completed correctly to ensure they are formal votes. Informal votes, i.e. those completed contrary to instructions, are excluded from the election count. In the event of a

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tied vote, i.e. two candidates with the same number of votes, the election is determined by the draw from a box. In the case of an exclusion to reduce the number of candidates to two, the first name drawn is excluded. In the case of a two candidate draw, the name drawn is declared the elected candidate.

Action required.

The General Manager, as Returning Officer announced one nomination had been received for the position of Mayor, being from Cr F Anderson. There being no other nominations received, the General Manager declared Cr F Anderson elected as Mayor for the term to September 2004.

The General Manager then invited the Mayor to assume the Chair and to address Council.

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2. Election of Deputy Mayor
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Unlike the position of Mayor, which is required by statute under Section 225 of the Local Government, Act, 1993, the position of Deputy Mayor is optional (Section 231).

The position of Deputy Mayor does not involve any additional responsibilities or functional authorities beyond the normal role of a Councillor, except when requested by the Mayor or at times, when the Mayor is prevented by illness, absence or otherwise from carrying out the duties of office, at which time the Deputy Mayor assumes the role and authorities of the Mayor as specified under Section 226 of the Act. Although optional, past practice has been to retain the position of Deputy Mayor each year. A fresh Deputy Mayoral Election will also be required in September, 2004.

The procedures required to be followed in respect of the election of Deputy Mayor are the same as that for the election of the Mayor. The same methods of voting apply and a decision is required to be made, if required.

To be nominated for election to the position, a nomination form must also be completed. The nomination form must be signed by two Councillors, one of whom may be the nominee and must indicate consent of the nominee. The form must be delivered to the General Manager prior to the meeting on Wednesday, 14th April, 2004. To assist, a number of nomination forms have been issued separately to each Councillor for this purpose.

Action required:

The General Manager, as Returning Officer, announced one nomination had been received for the position of Deputy Mayor, being from Cr D Funnell. There being no other nominations received, the General Manager declared Cr D Funnell elected as Deputy Mayor for the term to September 2004.

The Deputy Mayor then made a short statement to the Council.

The Meeting closed at 5.38pm.