

## TERM OF MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR

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Ward(s) affected: (All Wards);

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*The author(s) of this report and the Responsible Officer consider that the report complies with the overarching governance principles and supporting principles set out in the Local Government Act 2020.*

## CONFIDENTIALITY

This item is to be considered at a Council meeting that is open to the public.

## SUMMARY

The *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act) requires Council to determine by resolution whether the Mayor is to be elected for a one year or two year term. This must be done before the election of the Mayor takes place.

The term of office of the Mayor also applies to the election of the Deputy Mayor, whose office has been established by Council under section 20A of the Act.

This report is submitted for Council's consideration by the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with the requirements of sub-Rule 6.1 of Council's Governance Rules.

## RECOMMENDATION

***That, in accordance with the requirements of section 26(3) of the Local Government Act 2020, Council elect the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for a one (1) year term.***

## RELATED COUNCIL DECISIONS

On 14 November 2023, Council elected a Mayor and Deputy Mayor and determined both should serve a one-year term.

## DISCUSSION

### ***Purpose and Background***

The purpose of this report is for Council to determine the term of office of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

Section 26(3) of the Act states:

“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”.

In accordance with section 27(2) of the Act, section 26 also applies to the election of a Deputy Mayor.

Council has traditionally elected the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for a one-year term.

### ***Options considered***

While the option exists for Council to determine that the Mayor and Deputy Mayor term of office be two years, the recommendation for a one year term has been prepared to reflect custom and historical practice.

### ***Recommended option and justification***

*Council to determine the term of office of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for a one-year term.*

## **FINANCIAL ANALYSIS**

Mayoral and Councillor allowances are paid in accordance with existing operating budgets.

The Victorian Independent Remuneration Tribunal sets the values of the allowances, including allowance categories, payable to Mayors, Deputy Mayors and Councillors.

The Mayor will receive an allowance of \$130,390 (per annum, pro rata, inclusive of superannuation) with an increase to occur on 18 December 2024 to \$133,822 (per annum, pro rata, inclusive of superannuation).

The Deputy Mayor will receive an allowance of \$65,195 (per annum, pro rata, inclusive of superannuation) with an increase to occur on 18 December 2024 to \$66,910 (per annum, pro rata, inclusive of superannuation).

## **APPLICABLE PLANS AND POLICIES**

This report contributes to the following strategic objective(s) in the Council Plan: High Performing Organisation.

## **RELEVANT LAW**

This report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of Section 26 of the Act.

## **SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS**

There are no economic, social or environmental impacts associated with determining the term of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

## **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

There is no community engagement associated with determining the term of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

## **COLLABORATION, INNOVATION AND CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT**

Not applicable

## **RISK ASSESSMENT**

There are no material risks considered relevant to the recommendation in this report.

## **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

No officers and/or delegates acting on behalf of the Council through the Instrument of Delegation and involved in the preparation and/or authorisation of this report have any general or material conflict of interest as defined within the *Local Government Act 2020*.

## **ATTACHMENTS TO THE REPORT**

Nil