

Report of Governance to the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Monday 19 December 2016

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- The purpose of this report is to formally acknowledge the role of the Mayor during the Ordinary Council Meetings recess.
- It is recommended that Council acknowledge the role of the Mayor (or in the absence of the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor) to exercise in cases of necessity the policy making functions of the governing body of the Council between meetings of the Council.

REPORT

Section 226 of the Local Government Act 1993 (the Act) defines the role of the Mayor as:

- to exercise, in cases of necessity, the policy making functions of the governing body of the Council between meetings of the Council
- to exercise any other functions of the Council that Council determines
- to preside at meetings of the Council
- to carry out the civic and ceremonial functions of the mayoral office.

Section 231 of the Act defines the role of the Deputy Mayor as:

- to exercise any function of the Mayor at the request of the Mayor or if the Mayor is prevented by illness, absence or otherwise from exercising the function or if there is a casual vacancy in the office of Mayor.

The Ordinary Meeting recess means that Council meets on 19 December 2016 and will not meet again until the proposed date of 20 February 2017. In the event that a matter of urgency arises within this period of time, the Mayor by virtue of section 226 (or Deputy Mayor by virtue of section 231) of the Act is able to exercise the policy making functions.

With the Christmas recess approaching it is timely to remind Councillors of the Mayor's powers under the Act.

CONSULTATION

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

This matter has no financial impact on Council's adopted budget or forward estimates.

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ATTACHMENTS

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

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