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# ITEM 12 DELEGATIONS OVER THE CHRISTMAS PERIOD

This report recommends a temporary amendment to delegations to allow for the General Manager and the Lord Mayor, or Deputy Lord Mayor, to accept tenders satisfying the necessary legislative criteria from 10 December 2019 through to 31 January 2020.

#### RECOMMENDATION

- 1 Council note the report on Delegations over the Christmas Period.
- 2 Council delegate to the General Manager and the Lord Mayor, or Deputy Lord Mayor, the authority to accept tenders under Request for Tender processes between 10 December 2019 and 31 January 2020, with a report on the exercise of such delegation to be provided to the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 24 February 2020.

#### REPORT AUTHORISATIONS

Report of: Todd Hopwood, Manager Governance and Customer Service

Authorised by: Renee Campbell, Director Corporate Services - Connected + Engaged City

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

There are no attachments for this report

## **BACKGROUND**

In accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1993, specifically in relation to the requirement for Council to review its delegations during the first 12 months of its term, Council considered and confirmed delegations to the General Manager at its meeting of 3 September 2018. Council resolved unanimously, that:

- 1 Council delegate to the General Manager all of the delegable functions of the Council, but excluding:
  - a Those functions specified in clauses (a) to (u) of section 377(1) of the Local Government Act 1993.
  - b The granting of leases of Council property where the total lease rental payable to Council for the term of the lease is more than \$1 million (including GST).
  - c The granting of leases of Council property where the term of the lease is for 10 years or more.
  - d The acceptance of tenders required to be invited pursuant to section 55 of the Local Government Act 1993 as at the date of this delegation.
- 2 Council fix the amount of \$3,000 as the amount above which any individual rate charge or debt owed to the Council may be written off only by resolution of the Council pursuant to clauses 131(1) and 213(2) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005.

This report seeks a temporary amendment to delegations to allow continued progress of project delivery across the Christmas/New Year period.

## **PROPOSAL**

There is a seven-week period between the December 2019 Ordinary Meeting of Council, and the first Ordinary Meeting scheduled for 2020. At the present time, tenders in-progress across the December/January period are anticipated to be:



- T19/34 Electrical Distribution Board Inspecting and Testing
- T19/35 Asbestos and Hazardous Materials Surveys
- T19/39 Administration Building Library Lighting Upgrades

It is recommended to delegate to the General Manager, in conjunction with the concurrent approval of the Lord Mayor and Deputy Mayor (or their respective nominees), the authority to accept these tenders on behalf of Council.

## CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

The matter of delegations, specifically tenders, has been discussed with Executive Management.

## PLANNING AND POLICY IMPACT

This report contributes to the delivery of Our Wollongong 2028 goal "We are a connected and engaged community".

It specifically delivers on core business activities as detailed in the Governance and Customer Service, Service Plan 2019-20.

## CONCLUSION

The impending Christmas/New Year period, and break between Ordinary Meetings of Council, make it timely to consider a temporary amendment to delegations, specifically with respect to determining tenders.