

ITEM 6

COUNCILLOR ATTENDANCE AT THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE - TAMWORTH 17-19 NOVEMBER 2024

The Local Government NSW (LGNSW) Conference is an annual event which provides opportunities for Councillors to network and participate in debate on local government policy issues at a state level. The purpose of this report is to nominate seven Councillors as voting delegates to the Local Government NSW Annual Conference, scheduled for 17-19 November 2024.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1 Council nominate the Lord Mayor, and an additional six Councillors to be voting delegates to the Local Government NSW Annual Conference, to be held in Tamworth from 17-19 November 2024.
- 2 Council delegate to the General Manager authority to approve attendance of any additional Councillors requesting to attend the Conference, over and above the nominated voting delegates.

REPORT AUTHORISATIONS

Report of: Todd Hopwood, Manager Customer and Business Integrity

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

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

BACKGROUND

The Local Government NSW Annual Conference provides an opportunity for Councillors to meet, discuss and debate issues facing local government, and develop agreed positions which can inform the development of future NSW Local Government policies.

Council is entitled to 7 voting delegates at the conference, and normal Council practice is to nominate the Lord Mayor, Deputy Lord Mayor and five other Councillors as voting delegates. This year, the Deputy Lord Mayor has advised that they will be unable to attend the Conference, and therefore Council recommends for this year only the Deputy Lord Mayor be substituted with another Councillor who may wish to attend.

Voting entitlements

While all Councillors can attend, Wollongong City Council is entitled to nominate seven voting delegates to the 2024 Conference.

Program

The 2024 conference will be held from 17 to 19 November 2024 at the Tamworth Regional Entertainment and Conference Centre.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Council has a budget to enable Councillors to attend conferences and meet associated costs.

Registration: Registration for the conference is approximately \$1,485 (incl. GST) per Councillor. The fees include online business papers, the President's Welcome Reception, two-day business sessions including morning and afternoon tea, lunch, and name badge.

Accommodation: will cost approximately \$750 per Councillor, which is for three nights.

Travel Costs: will cost approximately \$850 - \$1,000 per Councillor in accordance with the Councillor Expenses and Facilities policy.

Other expenses: Councillors may claim for reimbursement of incidental expenses, supported by itemised tax invoices or receipts in accordance with the Councillor Expenses and Facilities policy.

CONCLUSION

The Local Government NSW Conference provides an opportunity for Councillors to network and participate in local government debate at a state level. Wollongong City Council is entitled to register seven voting delegates to the 2024 Conference, however additional Councillors can attend as non-voting delegates.