

## 5 Ordinary Business

### 5.1 Election of the Mayor

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#### Recommendation(s)

That Council proceed to elect the Mayor in accordance with the Cardinia Shire Council Governance Rules to serve for a period of one year, until the Council Election to be held on 26 October 2024.

#### Attachments

Nil

#### Executive Summary

To elect a Councillor to the position of Mayor for the forthcoming year.

#### Background

The procedures to be followed for the Election of the Mayor are set out in the Council's Governance Rules, are as follows:

##### 3.67 Procedure for election of Mayor

3.67.1 Councillors must elect a Councillor to be the Mayor.

3.67.2 The Mayor is to be elected at the Annual Statutory Meeting, and held:

3.67.2.1 after the fourth Saturday in October but not later than 30 November in each year; or

3.67.2.2 as soon as possible after there occurs a vacancy in the office of the Mayor.

3.67.3 Any Councillor is eligible for election or re-election to the office of Mayor.

3.67.4 Until the Mayor is elected, the Chief Executive Officer will be the temporary Chairperson and Returning Officer of the meeting at which the election of Mayor is to be conducted but will have no voting rights.

3.67.5 The election of Mayor is to be in accordance with the following procedure:

3.67.5.1 The Returning Officer must invite nominations for the office of Mayor.

3.67.5.2 If there is only one nomination (which must be seconded), the candidate nominated is deemed to be elected.

3.67.5.3 If there is more than one nomination (each of which must be seconded), the Councillors present at the meeting must vote by show of hands for one of the candidates.

3.67.5.4 If a candidate receives an absolute majority of the votes, that candidate is declared to have been elected.

3.67.5.5 If no candidate receives an absolute majority of the votes, the candidate with the fewest number of votes is declared to be a defeated candidate. The Councillors present at the meeting must then vote for one of the remaining candidates by a further show of hands. This procedure shall continue until one of the candidates has an absolute majority.

3.67.5.6 In the event of two or more candidates having an equality of votes and one of them having to be declared:

3.67.5.6.1 a defeated candidate; or

3.67.5.6.2 duly elected

the result must be determined by lot.

3.67.5.7 If a lot is conducted, the Returning Officer has the conduct of the lot

### **Policy Implications**

The election of the Mayor is undertaken in accordance with the Governance Rules.

### **Relevance to Council Plan**

#### **5.1 We practise responsible leadership**

5.1.5 Champion the collective values of the community through the Councillors' governance of the shire.

### **Climate Emergency Consideration**

There is no Climate Emergency consideration as part of this process

### **Consultation/Communication**

No consultation is required as part of this statutory process.

### **Financial and Resource Implications**

There are no financial or resource implication as part of this report

### **Conclusion**

Council is required to elect a Mayor for the coming year to serve until the Council Election to be held on 26 October 2024.