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AGENDA

Hearing of Submissions Committee Meeting to be held
at Darebin Civic Centre,
350 High Street Preston
on Monday, 27 March 2017
at 7.00 PM.

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Agenda

1. MEMBERSHIP

Cr. Kim Le Cerf (Mayor) (Chairperson)

Cr. Gaetano Greco (Deputy Mayor)

Cr. Steph Amir

Cr. Tim Laurence

Cr. Trent McCarthy

Cr. Lina Messina

Cr. Susanne Newton

Cr. Susan Rennie

Cr. Julie Williams

2. APOLOGIES

3. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

4. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Hearing of Submissions Committee meeting held on 1 August 2016 be confirmed as a correct record of business transacted.

5. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

5.1 MAYOR AND COUNCILLOR ALLOWANCES

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Reviewed By: Director Civic Governance and Compliance

Report Background

In accordance with section 74(1) of the *Local Government Act 1989*, Council is required to review and determine Mayoral and Councillor allowances within six months after each general election or by the next 30 June, whichever is later. The allowances fixed become payable for the next four financial years subject to any variations or adjustments by the Minister for Local Government.

Previous Council Resolution

At its meeting held on 13 February 2017, Council resolved:

'That:

- (1) *Public Notice be given, in accordance with sections 74 and 223 of the Local Government Act 1989, of Council's intention to:*
 - *Set the Mayoral allowance at \$94,641 per annum plus an amount equivalent to the superannuation guarantee contribution (currently 9.5%) for the 2016/2017, 2017/2018, 2018/2019 and 2019/2020 financial years.*
 - *Set Councillor allowances at \$29,630 per annum plus an amount equivalent to the superannuation guarantee contribution (currently 9.5%) for the 2016/2017, 2017/2018, 2018/2019 and 2019/2020 financial years.*
- (2) *Council note that the allowances set will be subject to any variations or adjustments made by the Minister for Local Government during the four-year period.*
- (3) *Any person who makes a written submission in relation to the proposed allowances and requests to be heard in support of the written submission, be heard by Council's Hearing of Submissions Committee at a meeting to be held in the Council Chamber, Darebin Civic Centre, 350 High Street Preston at 7.00 pm on 27 March 2017.'*

Previous Briefing(s)

This matter has not previously been to a Councillor Briefing.

Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy

Goal 6 - Open and Accountable Democracy

Summary

Public Notice was given on 16 February 2017 in The Age newspaper, with a copy also included in the Northcote and Preston Leaders on 21 and 22 February 2017, respectively inviting submissions from the public.

There were no submissions received.

Recommendation

That Council note the Mayor and Councillor Allowances will continue to be paid in accordance with the resolution adopted by Council on at its meeting held on 13 February 2017.

Introduction

Section 74 of the *Local Government Act 1989* provides for each Council to review and determine Mayoral and Councillor allowances within six months after each general election or by the next 30 June, whichever is later. The allowance levels fixed become payable for the next four financial years, subject to any variations or adjustments made by the Minister for Local Government.

Issues and Discussion

Public Notice was given on 16 February 2017 in The Age newspaper, with a copy also included in the Northcote and Preston Leaders on 21 and 22 February 2017, respectively inviting submissions from the public.

There were no submissions received.

Options for Consideration

Nil

Financial and Resource Implications

The allowances proposed in this report have been in effect since 1 December 2016 and maintain the status quo for Darebin Councillors.

The proposed allowances have been included in the 2016/2017 Budget.

Risk Management

Nil

Policy Implications**Economic Development**

There economic development challenges referred to in the report have an impact on the advocacy and community leadership roles of the Mayor and Councillors.

Environmental Sustainability

The environmental issues and challenges referred to in the report have an impact on the advocacy and community leadership roles of the Mayor and Councillors.

Human Rights, Equity and Inclusion

The social inclusion and diversity issues and challenges referred to in the report have an impact on the advocacy and community leadership roles of the Mayor and Councillors.

Other

The determination of Mayoral and Councillor allowances is a statutory requirement for Council.

Future Actions

The Mayor and Councillor allowances will continue to be paid in accordance with the resolution adopted by Council on 13 February 2017.

Consultation and Advocacy

- Acting Chief Executive

Related Documents

- *Local Government Act 1989*
- *Public Administration Act 2004*
- Council Minutes – 13 February 2016

Attachments

Nil

Disclosure of Interest

Section 80C of the *Local Government Act 1989* requires members of Council staff and persons engaged under contract to provide advice to Council to disclose any direct or indirect interest in a matter to which the advice relates.

The Officer reviewing this report, having made enquiries with relevant members of staff, reports that no disclosable interests have been raised in relation to this report.

6. CLOSE OF MEETING

