

## ITEM 16 APPOINTMENT OF ARIC CHAIRPERSON

The term of the current Audit Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC) Chairperson expired on 30 September 2020. This report recommends that independent Committee member, Ms Donna Rygate be appointed as ARIC Chairperson for the period up to 31 October 2023.

### RECOMMENDATION

Ms Donna Rygate be appointed as chairperson of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee for the period up to 31 October 2023.

### 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

Council, at its meeting on 13 August 2018 appointed the following external independent members to the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee:

- Terry Clout - Appointment expired 30 September 2020.
- Catherine Hudson - Appointment expires 30 September 2021.
- Stephen Horne - Appointment expires 30 September 2022.

In accordance with our Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Charter, Catherine Hudson and Stephen Horne at the expiry of the initial term, may seek reappointment for a further term subject to a formal review of their performance. The total tenure on the Committee for each independent member is not to exceed eight years.

Following the conclusion of the term of appointment of Mr Terry Clout, Council invited Expressions of Interest from suitably experienced and qualified persons to fill the independent member vacancy on the Committee. On 26 October 2020, Council appointed the following independent member to the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee

- Donna Rygate - Appointment expires 31 October 2023

### PROPOSAL

Following the appointment of Ms Rygate as an independent member of the Committee, nominations were invited from the independent ARIC members to fill the Chairperson position of the Committee.

The ARIC Charter states that the voting members of the Committee will endorse one of the independent members as chairperson for an initial term of at least three years, with a maximum period of five years.

Council received one nomination from the independent ARIC members for the role of Chairperson, from Ms Donna Rygate. Ms Rygate is now recommended to Council for appointment as the Chairperson of the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee for a 3-year period up to 31 October, 2023.

### CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

This recommendation was considered by the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee and by 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 2020-21.

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct financial implications relating to the appointment of the ARIC Chairperson.

## CONCLUSION

With the impending implementation of a mandatory risk management and internal audit framework that will potentially require changes to ARIC operations that will come into effect after next year’s local government elections, continuation of the current committee structure and Chairperson appointment will maintain stability during the OLG Discussion Paper period and the transition to a new structure.