

ITEM 5

APPOINTMENT OF VOTING DELEGATES TO THE 2017 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE

This report provides additional information regarding the 2017 Local Government (LG) NSW Annual Conference, including detail on voting delegates and motions to be put forward by Council.

### RECOMMENDATION

- 1 Council delegate voting rights for the two rolls of voters (one for voting in the election for Office Bearers and the Board and another for voting on motions) at the Local Government NSW Annual Conference to the Lord Mayor, Deputy Lord Mayor and five Councillors authorised to attend.
- 2 The Lord Mayor be authorised to submit motions to the 2017 Local Government NSW Conference on behalf of Council that are consistent with previous resolutions of Council.

### REPORT AUTHORISATIONS

Report of: Clare Phelan, Manager Governance and Information (Acting)  
Authorised by: David Farmer, General Manager

### ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

### BACKGROUND

The Local Government NSW Conference, being held from 4-6 December 2017 in Sydney is a significant opportunity to meet and discuss issues facing local government and develop agreed positions to inform the development of NSW local government policies. Through this conference, local government representatives can engage directly with key politicians, move and debate motions, hear from subject matter experts and network with local government colleagues from around the state.

On 9 October 2017, Council resolved that all councillors be authorised to attend the 2017 Local Government (LG) NSW Annual Conference and associated functions, with the Lord Mayor, Deputy Lord Mayor and Councillors Blakey, Colacino, Connor, Dorahy, Figliomeni, Kershaw, King and Walters indicating their intention to do so. At this meeting, it was noted that an additional report would be taken to the next meeting of Council to determine Council voting delegates and motions to be put forward at the conference.

### PROPOSAL

#### Voting rights

Wollongong City Council is entitled to delegate voting rights at the LG NSW Annual Conference. These delegates will be able to vote on a range of motions and elections as part of the conference. This year, LG NSW has advised that they are implementing two rolls of voters – one for voting in the election of office bearers/the Board and a separate roll for voting on motions.

Wollongong City Council has been granted seven voting delegates for both rolls. As per the Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities to Lord Mayor and Councillors policy, two of these delegate positions are allocated to the Lord Mayor and Deputy Lord Mayor. This report seeks Council endorsement of a further five Councillors attending the 2017 LG NSW Annual Conference to be delegated voting rights.

Delegate names are due to LG NSW by 1 November 2017.

#### Motions

All members are entitled to put forward motions to be considered at the LG NSW Annual Conference.

Motions will only be included in the business paper for the conference which meet the following criteria:

- 1 Consistent with the objects of the Association.
- 2 Relate to Local Government in NSW and/or across Australia.
- 3 Concern or are likely to concern Local Government as a sector.
- 4 Seek to advance the Local Government policy agenda of the Association and/or improve governance of the Association.
- 5 Have a lawful purpose (a motion does not have a lawful purpose if its implementation would require or encourage non-compliance with prevailing laws).
- 6 Are clearly worded and unambiguous in nature.
- 7 Do not express preference for one or several members over one or several other members.

This report is seeking motions to be put forward by the Lord Mayor to LG NSW for consideration at their 2017 Annual Conference.

Motions are due to Local Government NSW on Monday 6 November 2017.

### PLANNING AND POLICY IMPACT

This report contributes to the delivery of Wollongong 2022 objective: “Our local Council has the trust of the community” under the Community Goal “We are a connected and engaged community”.

### CONCLUSION

This report seeks Council delegate voting rights for the LG NSW Annual Conference to the Lord Mayor, Deputy Lord Mayor and five Councillors who have previously been authorised to attend.