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COUNCILLOR ATTENDANCE AT THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW (LGNSW) ANNUAL CONFERENCE - 23 -25 OCTOBER 2022

The Local Government NSW 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 23-25 October 2022.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1 Council nominate the Lord Mayor, Deputy Lord Mayor, and an additional five Councillors as its seven voting delegates to the Local Government NSW Annual Conference, to be held from 23-25 October 2022.
- 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: Michelle Martin, Governance and Risk Manager

Authorised by: Todd Hopwood, Director Corporate Services - Connected + Engaged City (Acting)

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.

Voting entitlements

While all Councillors can attend, Wollongong City Council is entitled to nominate seven voting delegates to the 2022 Conference.

Motions

All LGNSW members are invited to submit motions for inclusion in the Conference business paper. The deadline for submitting motions is 25 September 2022. Proposed motions should be strategic, affect members state-wide and introduce new or emerging policy issues and actions. As in previous years, the Executive Officer to the Lord Mayor will liaise with Councillors on possible motions for submission.

Program

The 2022 conference will be held from 23 October 2022 to 25 October 2022 at the Crown Plaza in the Hunter Valley.

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 Divisional Service Plan 2022-23

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Council has a budget to enable Councillors to attend conferences and meet associated costs. Cost of the conference is approximately \$1,300 per Councillor. Accommodation is approximately \$250 per night per councillor that will also be paid for by Council.

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 2022 Conference. This report seeks agreement for the Lord Mayor and Deputy Lord Mayor and five other Councillors to attend the Conference as voting delegates, and any additional Councillors able to attend as non-voting delegates.