

ITEM 6

EXTENSION OF APPOINTMENT - INDEPENDENT ARIC MEMBERS TO 31 OCTOBER 2022

The term of two independent members of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC) expires on 30 September 2022. This report recommends that the term of appointment of Catherine Hudson and Stephen Horne to the Committee be extended for one month for the period up to 31 October 2022.

### RECOMMENDATION

The term of Ms Catherine Hudson and Mr Stephen Horne as independent members of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee be extended for the period up to 31 October 2022 to allow for the current ARIC Committee to oversee the finalisation of the annual financial statements.

### REPORT AUTHORISATIONS

Report of: Todd Hopwood, Manager Governance + Customer Service  
Authorised by: Renee Campbell, Director Corporate Services - Connected + Engaged City

### ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

### BACKGROUND

Two independent members of the ARIC, Catherine Hudson and Stephen Horne are currently appointed as members of the ARIC until 30 September 2022. Ms Hudson and Mr Horne have both indicated that they will not be seeking extension of their term of appointment to extend beyond 2022.

A current recruitment process is underway to recruit two suitable new independent members to the Committee. The term of the newly appointed members is expected to commence on 1 November 2022.

### PROPOSAL

To ensure the year-end financial statement approval process runs smoothly and to ensure good governance over the process, continuation of the current Committee structure and independent membership is recommended to maintain stability during the finalisation of annual reporting requirements.

In addition, the short extension will ensure that the current recruitment process for two new members of the Committee is completed and the new members inducted prior to the departure of Ms Hudson and Mr Horne from the Committee.

Ms Hudson and Mr Horne have been consulted on the short extension of their appointment term to the Committee and both have agreed to the extension of their membership terms to 31 October, 2022.

### PLANNING AND POLICY IMPACT

This report contributes to the delivery of Our Wollongong 2032 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 2022-23.

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct financial implications relating to the extension of appointment terms of Ms Hudson and Mr Horne as members of the Committee

## CONCLUSION

Continuation of the current committee structure and membership will maintain stability during the transition to a new membership and ensure consistent oversight of the finalisation of annual reporting requirements.