

ITEM 7 DETERMINATION OF NUMBER OF COUNCILLORS FOR 2024 - 2028 TERM OF OFFICE

This report recommends that Council retain the current number of Councillors (being 13, one of whom is the Lord Mayor) for the 2024-2028 term of office.

RECOMMENDATION

In accordance with section 224(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council determine the number of Councillors for the 2024-2028 term of office to be 13 (one of whom is the Lord Mayor).

REPORT AUTHORISATIONS

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ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

BACKGROUND

The *Local Government Act 1993* (the Act) requires Council to determine the number of Councillors for the 2024-2028 term of office not less than 12 months before the next ordinary election i.e., before 14 September 2023. The Act requires the number of Councillors to be at least 5 and not more than 15 (one of whom is the Lord Mayor).

PROPOSAL

The number of Councillors for the 2024-2028 term of office is submitted for Council's determination in accordance with section 224(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993*. It is proposed the number of Councillors for the 2024-2028 term of office remain the same as the current term.

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 Business Plan 2023-24.

CONCLUSION

Council is required by the *Local Government Act 1993* to determine the number of Councillors for the 2024-2028 term of office, and it is recommended that the current number of Councillors be retained.