
 <p>Adelaide Plains Council</p>	<p>21.2 Confidential Item</p>
<p>27 January 2021</p>	

21.2 Infrastructure and Environment Committee – Independent Membership

RECOMMENDATION

“that:

- 1. Pursuant to section 90(2) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, the Infrastructure and Environment Committee orders that all members of the public, except Chief Executive Officer, Acting General Manager – Governance and Executive Office, General Manager – Infrastructure and Environment, General Manager – Development Community, General Manager – Finance and Business, Administration and Executive Support Officer/Minute Taker and Information Technology Officer be excluded from attendance for Agenda Item 21.2 – *Infrastructure and Environment Committee – Independent Membership*;**
- 2. Council is satisfied that pursuant to section 90(3)(a) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, Item 21.2 – *Infrastructure and Environment Committee – Independent Membership* concerns information of a confidential nature the disclosure of which would involve the unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of any person, constituting information relevant to the applicants’ potential appointment and suitability for a position on the Infrastructure and Environment Committee and it would be unreasonable to disclose this information as part of the confidential recruitment process; and**
- 3. Council is satisfied that the principle that meetings should be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed by the need to keep the information, matter and discussion confidential.”**

	21.2	Infrastructure and Environment Committee – Independent Membership
	Department: Report Author:	Infrastructure and Environment General Manager Infrastructure and Environment
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- The purpose of this report is for Council to appoint an additional independent member to the Infrastructure and Environment Committee (the Committee) commencing January 2021 until January 2023.
- Current independent membership (comprising Mr John Comrie and Mr Richard Dodson) expired on 1 January 2021.
- Chairperson Mr Comrie has indicated that he does not wish to continue as a member of the Committee, owing to his retirement from local government.
- At its meeting of the 23 November 2020 Council resolved to appoint Mr Dodson as an independent member of the Committee commencing January 2021 until January 2023.
- Council Members were appointed to the Committee with no expiry. It is therefore not necessary to consider this element of the Committee’s membership.
- Management recently undertook the Expression of Interest process to fill Mr Comrie vacancy.
- Council is now required to appoint one additional independent member for a term commencing January 2021 until January 2023. It is recommended that Council appoint Mr Howard Lacy as an independent member of the Committee.

RECOMMENDATION 1

“that Council, having considered Item 21.2 – *Infrastructure and Environment Committee – Independent Membership*, dated 27 January 2021, receives and notes the report and in doing so, appoints Mr Howard Lacy as an Independent Member to the Infrastructure and Environment Committee for a two (2) year term of office from January 2021 to January 2023.”

BUDGET IMPACT

Estimated Cost:	\$1000 sitting fee – Independent Chair
	\$600 sitting fee – Independent Members
Future ongoing operating costs:	\$1000 sitting fee – Independent Chair
	\$600 sitting fee – Independent Members
Is this Budgeted?	Yes

RISK ASSESSMENT

By adopting the recommendations Council will not be exposed to any risk. If the recommendations are not adopted and Infrastructure and Environment membership is not maintained and further Infrastructure and Environment committee meetings cannot be held.

Attachments

1. Expression of Interest Summary
2. Interview Summary

DETAILED REPORT

Purpose

The purpose of this report is for Council to appoint an additional independent member to the Infrastructure and Environment Committee (the Committee) commencing January 2021 until January 2023.

Background/History

On 17 December 2018 Council established the Committee, with Mr John Comrie being appointed the independent Chair and Mr Richard Dodson independent member. The term of office for the membership of the Committee members is 2(two) years.

The purpose of the Committee is to:

- provide advice and associated reports to Council detailing considerations in delivering on the Strategic Focus Area; Natural and Built Environment and its associated outcomes and strategies within a 4 year rolling Business Plan
- report half yearly on the progress of approved plans
- conduct an annual review of Council's performance in provision of Environmental initiatives and identify potential projects for input into Council's Budget and Long Term Financial Plan
- make recommendations to Council on matters pertaining to the management and protection of the coastal environment and community interests
- make recommendations to Council on matters pertaining to the management and protection of the biodiversity and remnant vegetation
- Promote and support natural resource management initiatives at the local level
- Administer functions approved by Council to be administered by the Committee

Council Members were appointed to the Committee with no expiry therefore this membership composition does not need to be addressed, membership is as follows:

- Mayor Mark Wasley
- Councilors John Lush
- Councilors Terry-Anne Keen
- Councilors Kay Boon
- Councilors Frank Maiolo
- Councilors Margherita Panella
- Councilors Brian Parker

Discussion

The term of office for current independent members expired on 1 January 2021. Council is therefore required to consider membership of the Committee until at least January 2023 to be consistent with the original term of office, and appoint an additional independent member.

Council at its meeting of the 23 November 2020 resolved to appoint Mr Dodson as an independent member of the Committee commencing January 2021 until January 2023. Council is now required to appoint one additional independent member for a term commencing January 2021 until January 2023.

Following an Expression of Interest process for an Independent member of the Infrastructure and Environment Committee, twelve (12) expression of interest were received.

These twelve (12) expressions of interest were reviewed for relevant experience and qualifications to the operation of the Infrastructure and Environment Committee by the Chief Executive Officer and General Manager Infrastructure and Environment.

Following this process one (1) candidate was selected for an interview. The interviewee was asked a series of questions around their relevant qualifications and experience in infrastructure management (both strategic and operational), civil construction and public realm management and maintenance and the strengths they would bring to the Infrastructure and Environment Committee.

Following the interview process, one (1) candidate is recommended to Council for appointment as an independent member for a term commencing January 2021 until January 2023.

A summary of the expressions of interest received is presented as **Attachment 1** to this Report and a summary of the interview process along with the recommendation report presented as **Attachment 2** to this Report.

Conclusion

Council is now required to appoint one additional independent member for a term commencing January 2021 until January 2023. It is recommended that Council appoint Mr Howard Lacy as an independent member of the Committee.

References

Legislation

Local Government Act 1999

Council Plans/Policies

Infrastructure and Environment Terms of Reference

RECOMMENDATION

“that Council, having considered the matter of Agenda Item 21.2 – *Infrastructure and Environment Committee – Independent Membership* in confidence under sections 90(2) and 90(3)(a) of the Local Government Act 1999, resolves:

- 1. That the staff report and the minutes pertaining to Agenda Item 21.2 – *Infrastructure and Environment Committee – Independent Membership* remain confidential and not available for public inspection until the applicants for positions on the Infrastructure and Environment Committee have been advised of the outcome of their application;**
- 2. That Attachment 1 and Attachment 2 pertaining to Agenda Item 21.2 – *Infrastructure and Environment Committee – Independent Membership* remain confidential and not available for public inspection until further order of Council;**
- 3. Pursuant to section 91(9)(a) of the Local Government Act 1999, the confidentiality of the matter will be reviewed every 12 months; and**
- 4. Pursuant to section 91(9)(c) of the Local Government Act 1999, Council delegates the power to revoke this confidentiality order to the Chief Executive Officer.”**