



City of **HOBART**

## MEMORANDUM: COUNCIL

### **Council Committees - Appointment of Members and Chairmen**

This memorandum outlines the process undertaken and recommendations for the composition of the Council's committees.

The Council currently has six standing committees, each comprising five Aldermen.

The current Committees are:

- City Planning Committee
- City Infrastructure Committee
- Community, Culture and Events Committee
- Economic Development and Communications Committee
- Finance and Governance Committee
- Parks and Recreation Committee

Historically the average load for each Alderman has been three committees, with City Planning equating to two committees, as it meets twice as often.

Recommendations for membership of the committees have been determined in accordance with individual Aldermen's personal preferences and the Aldermanic order of precedence. A summary of Aldermanic preferences is at **Attachment A**.

It has been possible to accommodate the first and second or first and third preferences of most Aldermen, other than in a small number of cases where Aldermen have been consulted and opted to take a lower preference to achieve an enhanced balance of skills and experience on each committee.

On this basis, most Aldermen were allocated three committees, or in the case of those Aldermen on City Planning Committee, that committee plus one other.

Given the number of committees and the number of Aldermen, however, there are some vacancies. I have opted to fill a position on City Infrastructure Committee and the DLM has currently an allocation of four committees. Even so, there remains two vacant positions on City Infrastructure Committee and I would ask that Aldermen consider whether they would be interested in taking those up.

Based on the above, I recommend the committee composition, as outlined in the table below, to the Council.

As per part 3 of the Recommendation below, the selection of a Chairman for each committee from amongst the committee membership will then be determined by the Council.

It should be noted that in order to get business underway, the committees will be established as they existed for the previous Council. This does not mean however that the committee structure would remain unchanged for the life of the new Council. In fact, there is a current resolution of Council to review the committees with a view to aligning them with the Council's strategic plan. This will be a matter for consideration by the new Council. I propose that this occur in July 2019 following the development of the new strategic plan.

I also draw Aldermen's attention to the revised Terms of Reference for the Finance and Governance Committee (**Attachment B**). During the life of the previous Council this operated as two separate committees and was combined on the 22 January 2018. Interim terms of reference were put in place for the combined committee for the period until the election. These interim arrangements now need to be removed from the terms of reference for the Finance and Governance Committee.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

***That:***

- The committees of the Hobart City Council comprise the following membership:***

CITY PLANNING COMMITTEE	CITY INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE	COMMUNITY, CULTURE AND EVENTS COMMITTEE	FINANCE & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE	PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE
DLM (1)*	LM	Sexton (2)	DLM (2)	Zucco (2)	DLM (3)
Briscoe (2)	Dension (4)	Harvey (1)	Zucco (1)	Sexton (3)	Briscoe (3)
Dension (1)	Behrakis (2)	Dutta (1)	Sexton (1)	Thomas (1)	Thomas (3)
Harvey (2)		Ewin (1)	Thomas (2)	Dutta (3)	Ewin (2)
Behrakis (1)		Sherlock (1)	Dutta (4)	Ewin (3)	Sherlock (3)

\*number in brackets indicate Aldermen's preference order

- Aldermanic nominations be sought to fill the two vacant member positions on the City Infrastructure Committee.***
- Following establishment of the committees, the Council determine the Chairmanship of each committee.***
- The committee structure and terms of reference be reviewed in July 2019 following the development of the Council's new Strategic Plan.***

**5. The terms of Reference for the Finance and Governance Committee as contained in Attachment B to this memorandum be approved.**

*As signatory to this report, I certify that, pursuant to Section 55(1) of the Local Government Act 1993, I hold no interest, as referred to in Section 49 of the Local Government Act 1993, in matters contained in this report.*



Alderman A M Reynolds  
**LORD MAYOR**

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Attachment A: Appointment to Committees 2018  
Attachment B: Draft Finance and Governance Committee - Terms of Reference