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Council Delegates Policy

Objective

A Council Delegate representing the Town of Bassendean is an important role and carries with it a high level of responsibility. It is important to ensure that the most appropriate person is appointed for a delegate position and that clear guidance is given as to the obligations of the role. This Policy will:

- Prescribe the manner by which delegates nominated by Council as members of external committees or organisations may fulfil their representative role;
- Provide guidance to Councillors and the CEO on the process to be used in selecting and appointing Councillors to committees and to external bodies; and
- Outline how appointments are to be made for some specific organisations.

Council will only consider the appointment of a delegate/s to another committee or group in the following circumstances:

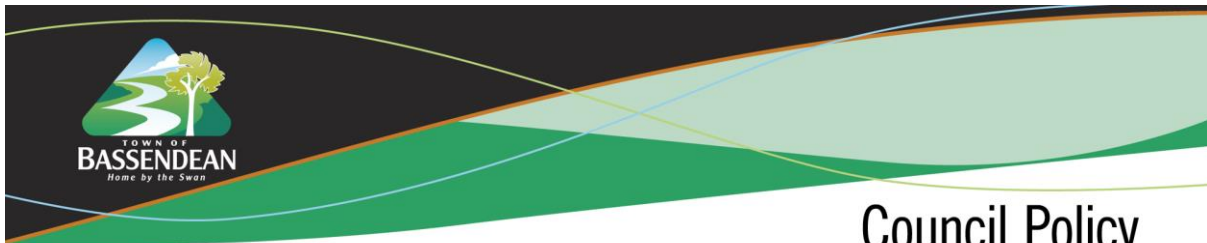
- Where the body/group/organisation represents state or regional interests that are likely to impact upon the Town of Bassendean;
- Where the body/group/organisation represents local interests and the Council has a direct financial interest in the affairs of that group; and
- Where the body/group/organisation represents local interests and the group occupies Council property.

Strategy

Delegate Role and Responsibilities

Where an officer or Councillor has been endorsed as Council's delegate for an external committee, body or organisation the delegate shall:

- Understand that their appointment / membership is as a representative of the Council and is by right of their position with Council; and
- Ensure their availability to attend scheduled meetings, and where they are unable to do so, provide prior apology to the respective Presiding Member. The delegate must also provide timely notice of anticipated absences to any deputy delegate where one is appointed;
- Ensure that in participating and contributing to decision making of the external organisation the delegate communicates and is cognisant of Council's determined position on matters before the external organisation;
- Perform the functions and duties of a delegate in accordance with the standards set out in the Town's Code of Conduct; and



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- Keep Council informed of the activities and achievements of the external organisation in a timely manner.

Where a delegate has failed to attend three successive external organisation meetings, with or without apology, during a period where leave of absence has not been granted, the Council shall consider appointing a replacement delegate to ensure that the purpose and integrity of Council's participation in the external organisation is maintained.

If a delegate is unable to fulfil their commitment to an external organisation then the delegate must advise the Chief Executive Officer so that Council's consideration of appointing a replacement delegate can be facilitated and subsequent formal advice to the external organisation attended to.

Method for Appointing Delegates

At a meeting of the Council where a Councillor is to be appointed to a committee or to an external body, (other than those positions specifically addressed in this policy) and there are more nominations than vacancies, the Chief Executive Officer is to conduct a secret ballot using the first past the post system to establish the preferred delegate or delegates to fill the position. In the event of a tied vote for a position, lots will be drawn by the Chief Executive Officer to determine the preferred delegate.

The Mayor or Presiding Member is then to call for a resolution of Council for the preferred delegate or delegates to be appointed to the vacant position and for the next preferred delegate to be appointed the deputy for the position to carry out the duties of the appointed Councillor in his or her absence when required.

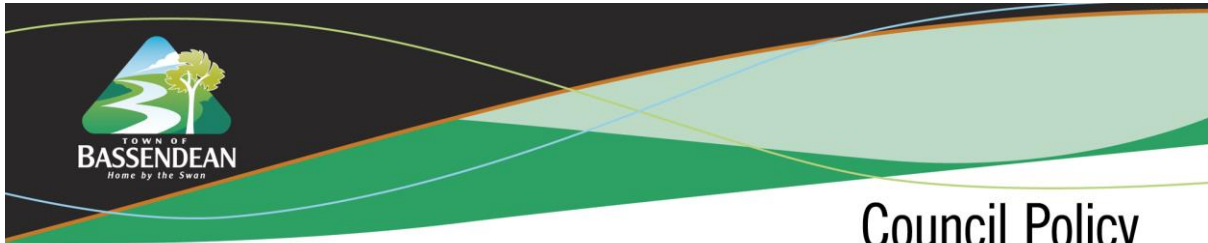
Where a Councillor has indicated their desire to nominate for a delegate position and the time for acceptance of nominations closes prior to the next available Council meeting, the Chief Executive Officer is to forward the relevant nomination and subsequently advise Council of the nomination, so that it can be considered through the normal process.

Appointment as Delegate to Specific Organisations

Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council

In keeping with the spirit of the Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council (EMRC) Establishment Agreement (Clause 7.1-4) the Mayor is to be appointed as one of the Town's delegate to the EMRC. At the meeting of the Council where an appointment to the Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council is to be made the Mayor must inform Council of their desire to be a delegate to the EMRC. Should the Mayor waive his/her right to be an EMRC delegate, Council will appoint a suitable delegate for the position.

Appointments to the EMRC will normally be for a period expiring on the Friday prior to the Local Government election. Council has the right to change the delegates at any



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time should it not be satisfied with the performance of any delegate, or should it wish to provide another Councillor the opportunity to participate on the EMRC.

Where the Council appoints a Councillor to the EMRC, that Councillor will be entitled to the sitting fees as adopted annually by the EMRC.

Western Australian Local Government Association – Annual General Meeting: Voting Delegates

Council will appoint two voting delegates and a deputy delegate for the Annual General Meeting of the Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA) when appointing the Town’s three delegates to the Eastern Zone of WALGA.

The Chief Executive Officer is to bring items requiring a vote at the WALGA Annual General Meeting to the July round of Council meetings in order for Council to discuss the items affecting the Town of Bassendean and to give direction to its voting delegates attending the Annual General Meeting.

Application

Responsibility for the implementation of this policy rest with the Mayor, Councillors, Council delegates and Chief Executive Officer. The Policy is to be reviewed every three years.

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