



POST-ELECTION STATUTORY COUNCIL MEETING

AGENDA

27 MARCH 2024

Your attendance is required at a Special meeting of Council to be held in the Council Chambers, 232 Bolsover Street, Rockhampton on 27 March 2024 commencing at 5:00pm for transaction of the enclosed business.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "C. P.", is positioned above the typed name of the Chief Executive Officer.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
26 March 2024

Please note:

In accordance with the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, please be advised that all discussion held during the meeting is recorded for the purpose of verifying the minutes. This will include any discussion involving a Councillor, staff member or a member of the public.

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1 OPENING

1.1 Acknowledgement of Country

2 PRESENT

Members Present:

The Mayor, Councillor A P Williams (Chairperson)
Councillor N K Fisher
Councillor S Latcham
Councillor G D Mathers
Councillor E W Oram
Councillor C R Rutherford
Councillor M D Wickerson
Councillor M A Taylor

In Attendance:

Mr E Pardon – Chief Executive Officer

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

5 OFFICERS' REPORTS

5.1 APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR

File No:	10072
Attachments:	Nil
Authorising Officer:	Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer
Author:	Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer

SUMMARY

The Chief Executive Officer is seeking the determination by Council of the appointment of a Deputy Mayor pursuant to section 175 of the Local Government Act 2009.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT Councillor _____ be appointed Deputy Mayor for the Rockhampton Regional Council pursuant to section 175 of the *Local Government Act 2009*.

BACKGROUND

Section 175 of the *Local Government Act 2009* requires Council to appoint a Deputy Mayor from its Councillors at the Post-Election Meeting.

In addition, Section 165 of the *Local Government Act 2009* provides additional details of the role of the Deputy Mayor.

LEGISLATIVE CONTEXT

Section 175 *Local Government Act 2009* – Post-election meetings:

- (1) *A local government must hold a meeting within 14 days after—*
 - (a) *the conclusion of each quadrennial election; and*
 - (b) *the conclusion of a fresh election of its councillors.*
- (2) *The local government must, by resolution, appoint a deputy mayor from its councillors (other than the mayor)—*
 - (a) *at that meeting; and*
 - (b) *at the first meeting after the office of the councillor who is the deputy mayor becomes vacant.*

Section 165 *Local Government Act 2009* – Acting Mayor:

- (1) *The deputy mayor acts for the mayor during-*
 - (a) *the absence or temporary incapacity of the mayor; or*
 - (b) *a vacancy in the office of the mayor.*

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Outside of the requirements of section 175 of the *Local Government Act 2009* as noted in this report, there are no additional relevant legal implications for consideration.

CONCLUSION

As the appointment of Deputy Mayor is legislatively required to take place at the Post-Election Meeting and the additional role associated with the appointment specified, the determination of this matter is sought from Council.

5.2 DAY AND TIME OF FIRST ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

File No: 10072
Attachments: Nil
Authorising Officer: Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer
Author: Ross Cheesman - Deputy Chief Executive Officer

SUMMARY

Chief Executive Officer seeking approval for the first Ordinary meeting of Rockhampton Regional Council to be held on Tuesday 9 April 2024 at 9.00am and the next Ordinary meeting to be held on Tuesday 23 April 2024 at 9.00am.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT the first Ordinary meeting of Rockhampton Regional Council be held on Tuesday 9 April 2024 commencing at 9.00am and the next Ordinary meeting be held on Tuesday 23 April 2024 at 9.00am.

COMMENTARY

The fixing of the day and time of the first Ordinary Council meeting is considered to have primacy above all other meetings following the statutory Post Election Meeting and is a requirement under section 256 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

The fixing of the first Ordinary Meeting affords Council the opportunity to address:

- Governance issues affecting Council in an immediate sense which require Council resolution;
- Administrative issues affecting Council in an immediate sense which require Council resolution (eg matters arising from and Confirmation of Minutes of previous Council);
- Emergent issues arising during the "caretaker period" which require Council resolution.

It is recommended that the first Ordinary meeting of Rockhampton Regional Council be held on Tuesday 9 April 2024 at 9.00am with the next Ordinary meeting to be held on Tuesday 23 April 2024 at 9.00am.

LEGISLATIVE CONTEXT

Section 256(1) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* provides:

"The matters a local government must consider at a post-election meeting include the day and time for holding other meetings."

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Outside of the requirements of section 256(1) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* as noted in this report, there are no additional relevant legal implications for consideration.

CONCLUSION

The Chief Executive Officer recommends that the first Ordinary meeting be held on Tuesday 9 April 2024 at 9.00am and the next Ordinary meeting be held on Tuesday 23 April 2024 at 9.00am.

6 CLOSURE OF MEETING