

Agenda

Special Meeting

Tuesday, 14 May 2024

Time: 11:30am
Location: Council Chambers
82 Brisbane Street
BEAUDESERT QLD 4285

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5 Consideration of Business of Meeting


Executive

5.1 Election of Local Government Association of Queensland Policy Executive District Representative 2024-2028

Executive Officer: Chief Executive Officer

Item Author: Senior Executive Assistant - Office of the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer

Attachments:

1. Local Government Association of Queensland Policy Executive Ballot Form - District 2 - SEQ - West Subregion [↓](#) 

Councillor Portfolio

Not applicable.

Local Government Area Division

This report relates to the whole Scenic Rim region.

Executive Summary

On 2 May 2024, the Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) invited Council to vote in the election of a Policy Executive District Representative for the Western Subregion of the South-East District 2, for the period June 2024 to June 2028. The ballot closes at 5pm on Monday, 20 May 2024.

Council is requested to consider its vote in that ballot.

Recommendation

That:

1. Council resolve to vote for Councillor Tom Sharp in the election of a Local Government Association of Queensland Policy Executive District Representative for the Western Subregion of the South-East District 2, for the period June 2024 to June 2028; and
2. Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to submit that vote to the Local Government Association of Queensland before the close of the ballot at 5pm on 20 May 2024.

Previous Council Considerations / Resolutions

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 17 April 2024, it was resolved that:

1. Council authorise Councillor Tom Sharp to nominate for the election of Local Government Association of Queensland Policy Executive District Representatives for the period 2024-2028;
2. As part of that consideration process, Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to seek from the Local Government Association of Queensland, a review of the last 12 years' representation, input and achievements;
3. Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to submit the nomination to the Local Government Association of Queensland before the closing date of 1 May 2024;
4. That the Chief Executive Officer make inquiries with the Local Government Association of Queensland and report back to Council on the status of the motion put forward by Somerset Regional Council on the voting disparity between the member Councils in South East Queensland.

Report / Background

Elections are now being held for District Representatives to the Local Government Association of Queensland Policy Executive for the period June 2024 to June 2028.

This is not an election for Local Government District Associations. In many cases, the District Local Government Association areas and the LGAQ Electoral Districts are not the same.

In the case of the South-East District, Councils elect one representative per identified subregional area and if there is more than one nomination received in respect of any identified subregional grouping, an election by ballot will apply.

In the South-East District, a "preferential" voting system will apply. Councils within the South-East District and within Scenic Rim Regional Council's sub-regional area are:

Northern Region	Moreton Bay, Sunshine Coast, Noosa
Southern Region	Gold Coast, Logan, Redland
Western Region	Ipswich, Lockyer, Scenic Rim, Somerset

The LGAQ has received two nominations for the Western Region, being Councillor Tom Sharp, Mayor of the Scenic Rim Regional Council and Councillor Paul Tully of the Ipswich City Council.

The LGAQ allocates eight (8) votes to the Ipswich City Council and two (2) votes each to the Lockyer Valley, Scenic Rim and Somerset Regional Councils. Because the majority of the votes are allocated to the Ipswich City Council, whenever there is a nomination from Ipswich, that candidate invariably becomes the District Representative.

At the 2021 LGAQ Annual Conference, the Somerset Regional Council proposed a motion to address this inequity:

THAT the LGAQ constitution regarding Policy Executive Districts is reviewed to ensure equitable representation, particularly for Council's with smaller populations

The motion was carried but has not yet been implemented.

Budget / Financial Implications

Provision for expenses associated with Councillor representation on external committees and forums is made in Council's Annual Budget.

As noted in the Fees, Reimbursement and Insurance information (refer Attachment 3), it is anticipated there will not be any impact on Council's budget, as all costs for attendance are claimable for reimbursement from LGAQ.

Strategic Implications*Operational Plan*

Theme: 3. Open and Responsive Government

Key Area of Focus: Strengthened relationships with other levels of government and statutory organisations to secure their commitment to a shared community vision

Legal / Statutory Implications

Not applicable.

RisksStrategic Risks

The following Level 1 and Level 2 (strategic) risks are relevant to the matters considered in this report:

SR54 Ineffectively managing the political and government departmental relationships/partnerships, resulting in Council not achieving its major strategic objectives.

Risk Summary

Category	Explanation
Reputation, Community & Civic Leadership Risk that Council appears disinterested in consultation and engagement with other levels of government.	Participation in external committees and forums provides an opportunity to advocate for the interests of the Scenic Rim community at a State and Federal level.

Human Rights Implications

No human rights have been impacted by any actions recommended in this report.

Consultation

Not applicable.

Conclusion

Council is requested to consider its vote in the election of a Local Government Association of Queensland Policy Executive District Representative for the Western Subregion of the South-East District 2 for the period June 2024 to June 2028.

OptionsOption 1

That:

1. Council resolve to vote for Councillor Tom Sharp in the election of a Local Government Association of Queensland Policy Executive District Representative for the Western Subregion of the South-East District 2 for the period June 2024 to June 2028; and
2. Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to submit that vote to the Local Government Association of Queensland before the close of the ballot at 5pm on 20 May 2024.

Option 2

That:

1. Council resolve to vote for Councillor Paul Tully in the election of a Local Government Association of Queensland Policy Executive District Representative for the Western Subregion of the South-East District 2 for the period June 2024 to June 2028; and
2. Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to submit that vote to the Local Government Association of Queensland before the close of the ballot at 5pm on 20 May 2024.

Option 3

That:

1. Council resolve to abstain from voting in the election of a Local Government Association of Queensland Policy Executive District Representative for the Western Subregion of the South-East District 2 for the period June 2024 to June 2028 due to the voting disparity between the member Councils; and
2. Council write to the Local Government Association of Queensland expressing disappointment regarding the lack of progress on the lack of progress in implementing the Somerset Regional Council supported 2021 resolution and urging meaningful action to address the representation issue.



POLICY EXECUTIVE 2024-2028

BALLOT PAPER**COUNCIL NAME:** Scenic Rim Regional Council**DISTRICT NO 2 – West Subregion**

VOTES	
Ipswich	8 Votes
Lockyer	2 Votes
Scenic Rim	2 Votes
Somerset	2 Votes

Voting is via a system of preferential voting. Record your vote by placing a clear mark of preference (i.e. Mark 1 in the square of first preference and 2 in the square of second preference) beside the name of all candidates.

Ipswich – Cr Paul Tully☐**Scenic Rim – Cr Tom Sharp**☐

Please complete and return to the Returning Officer as soon as possible, but **NO LATER THAN 5.00PM MONDAY 20 May 2024.**

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