

Supplementary Agenda – Late Item

Ordinary Meeting

Wednesday, 28 January 2026

Time: 9:00 am
Location: Council Chambers
82 Brisbane Street
BEAUDESERT QLD 4285

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Executive Officer: Chief Executive Officer

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Attachments: Nil

Councillor Portfolio / Representation

Not applicable.

Local Government Area Division

This report relates to the whole Scenic Rim region.

Executive Summary

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) has advised of a planned absence from 31 January to 15 February 2026 inclusive. Council is requested to appoint a suitably qualified person as Acting Chief Executive Officer during that period.

Recommendation

That, pursuant to section 195 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Council appoint Director Planning, Development and Environment, Leo Jensen, as a suitably qualified person to act as Chief Executive Officer during the period 31 January to 15 February 2026 inclusive.

Previous Council Considerations / Resolutions

Not applicable.

Report / Background

Under section 194 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Council is required to not only appoint a CEO, but to appoint suitably qualified persons to relieve in the role during any period when the CEO is absent or unable to perform their responsibilities.

Budget / Financial Implications

Not applicable.

Strategic Implications

Corporate Plan 2025-2030

Council's Corporate Plan 2025-2030 outlines the organisation's Vision, Mission and Values. Council's Values are Service, Resilience, Respect, Commitment.

Strategic Goal: Not applicable

Guiding Principle: Not applicable

Legal / Statutory Implications

Section 195 of the *Local Government Act 2009*:

"Appointing an acting chief executive officer

A local government may appoint a qualified person to act as the chief executive officer during -

- (a) any vacancy, or all vacancies, in the position; or*
- (b) any period, or all periods, when the chief executive officer is absent from duty or can not, for another reason, perform the chief executive officer's responsibilities."*

Risks

Strategic Risks

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

CR8 Ineffective Organisation Governance - Council is a complex organisation delivering a wide range of services via different processes, using different resources and systems. Council's organisational governance, including corporate planning, controls, internal compliance, monitoring and reporting, may not be adequate to ensure quality outcomes and avoid potentially poor consequences.

Risk Summary

Category	Explanation
Governance, Risk & Compliance Failure to appoint a CEO could lead to compliance action and reputational damage.	For Council to operate effectively, it requires the role of Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to be filled at all times. In the absence of the CEO to fulfil the role, Council is placed at risk of being unable to make operational decisions. The Local Government Act 2009 makes provision for Council to resolve to appoint an acting CEO when circumstances dictate.

Human Rights Implications

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

Consultation

The Mayor and the Director Planning, Development and Environment were consulted in the preparation of this report.

Conclusion

Council is requested to consider the appointment of a suitably qualified person as Acting Chief Executive Officer during the Chief Executive Officer's absence.

OptionsOption 1

That, pursuant to section 195 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Council appoint Director Planning, Development and Environment, Leo Jensen, as a suitably qualified person to act as Chief Executive Officer during the period 31 January to 15 February 2026 inclusive.

Option 2

That, pursuant to section 195 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Council appoint a suitably qualified person to act as Chief Executive Officer during the period 31 January to 15 February 2026 inclusive.