# **Council Meetings Policy (Frequency and Commencement Time)**

#### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to set the:

- · commencement times of Council and Council Committee Meetings;
- frequency of Council Meetings; and
- the start time and day of Council's Annual General Meeting.

#### **SCOPE**

This policy applies to Council Meetings, Council Committee Meetings and the Annual General Meeting.

#### **POLICY**

## 1. Council Meetings

- 1.1 The first meeting of the calendar year will be a Council Meeting held on the fourth Thursday in January.
- 1.2 Subsequent Council Meetings will be held on alternate Thursdays.
- 1.3 If the Council Meeting falls on a Thursday that is a public holiday, the Council Meeting will be held on the Wednesday of the same week as the public holiday.
- 1.4 The final scheduled Council Meeting will be on either the second or third Thursday in December.
- 1.5 Council Meetings commence at 1.00pm.

# 2. Council Committee Meetings

- 2.1 The first meeting of a Council Committee will be convened on a day and time to be determined by Council by an absolute majority.
- 2.2 The day and time of subsequent Council Committee Meetings will be determined by the Council Committee by simple majority.

#### 3. Annual General Meeting

3.1 The Annual General Meeting will be held on the first Thursday in December commencing at 5.30pm.

#### **PRINCIPLES**

The Council's organisational values apply to all activities.

### **RELATED POLICIES & PROCEDURES**

Council Meeting and Workshop Schedule (14-Rfx-009)

#### RELATED LEGISLATION

Local Government Act 1993 (Tas)

Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015

#### REFERENCES

Not applicable.

#### **DEFINITIONS**

Not applicable.

### **REVIEW**

This policy will be reviewed after each ordinary Council election, as required by the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015.* 



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