

10.2. 2024 Council Meeting Schedule - proposed amendment

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PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to seek approval from Council to remove the 9 September 2024 Council meeting from the adopted schedule.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

- The Local Government Act prescribes that councils are required to meet at least 10 times each year, each time in a different month.
- In September 2023, Council adopted a schedule for Council meetings in 2024.
- Based upon the adopted schedule, a meeting is scheduled for 9 September, the week of the Local Government elections.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the 2024 meeting schedule be amended to remove the 9 September Council meeting.

Background

At its meeting held 11 September 2023, Council adopted a meeting schedule for 2024.

Report

The Local Government elections are scheduled to be held on Saturday 14 September 2024.

As the caretaker period prior to elections will run from 16 August to 14 September 2024, the 9 September Council is five days before the election and meeting will be subject to the caretaker provisions.

By cancelling the 9 September meeting, which is scheduled in the week prior to the elections, more focus can be made on the planning for the new Council term, including the induction of newly elected councillors.

Should Council resolve to approve this change to the schedule, the last Council meeting of the term will be on Monday 26 August and subject to caretaker provisions.

While an Extraordinary Meeting will be held once the outcome of the election is known, this will be called at that time. No meeting dates after the elections have been scheduled, to allow the newly elected Council to determine its own meeting cycle.

Consultation requirements

Community engagement is not required.

Financial/Resource Implications

There are no material financial or resourcing implications.

Legislation

Section 365 of the Local Government Act prescribes that Councils are required to meet at least 10 times each year, each time in a different month.