



Report to General Manager

Attachments:
Nil

SUBJECT: Leave of Absence – Councillors Gunning and Keen

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Councillor Gunning is seeking leave of absence for the Council meeting to be held on 25 November 2019 due to study obligations.

Councillor Keen is seeking leave of absence for the Council meeting to be held on 25 November 2019 due to an interstate work commitment.

A leave of absence is a formal permission granted by way of Council resolution to a Councillor excusing that Councillor's attendance at a particular meeting. It is sought by way of application to the Council and is recognised in the Code of Meeting Practice.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Councillors Gunning and Keen be granted leave of absence for the Council meeting of 25 November 2019.

LINK TO COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

The relationship with the Community Strategic Plan is as follows:

Direction: 5. Our Civic Leadership

Outcome: 5.3 Council is ethical, open, accountable and transparent in its decision making

BACKGROUND

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CONSULTATION REQUIREMENTS

Community engagement is not required.

SUSTAINABILITY STATEMENT

The sustainability implications are of a minor nature and did not warrant a detailed assessment.

DETAIL

Council's Code of Meeting Practices provides that:

5.3 Where a Councillor is unable to attend one or more ordinary meetings of the Council, the Councillor should request that the Council grant them a leave of absence from those meetings. This clause does not prevent a Councillor from making an apology if they are unable to attend a meeting. However, the acceptance of such an apology does not constitute the granting of a leave of absence for the purposes of this Code and the Act.

5.4 A Councillor's request for leave of absence from Council meetings should, if practicable, identify (by date) the meetings from which the Councillor intends to be absent and the grounds upon which the leave of absence is being sought.

5.5 The Council must act reasonably when considering whether to grant a Councillor's request for a leave of absence.
