

Item: LATE ITEM - Election of the Local Government Association of Queensland's Policy Executive Representative for District No.2 (Western Region)

Executive Officer: Chief Executive Officer

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Executive Summary

This report is for Council to consider nominating a candidate for election for the Local Government Association of Queensland's Policy Executive for District No.2 (Western Region).

Previous Council Considerations / Resolutions

At the Special Meeting held on 19 April 2016 (Item 6.2), Council resolved to approve an attached schedule of elected member representation on external forums and committees.

The attachment to that report included Scenic Rim Regional Council nominating and voting for Cr Pisasale of Ipswich City Council for the Local Government Association of Queensland's Policy Executive District Representative SEQ Western Region of Councils.

REPORT

Scenic Rim Regional Council is a member of the Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ). The LGAQ Policy Executive consists of 15 district representatives from Queensland Councils and the President. The Policy Executive is responsible for determination of the Association's policy on behalf of member councils. District No.2 (Western) consists of Scenic Rim, Ipswich, Lockyer and Somerset Councils.

Up until his recent resignation as the Mayor of Ipswich, Cr Paul Pisasale was the District Representative for District No.2 (Western Region) on the LGAQ's Policy Executive.

The LGAQ is now calling for nominations for candidates for election from amongst the elected members of the Councils within the district. The position will be for the remaining balance of the 2016-2020 period.

Council may nominate a candidate from Scenic Rim Regional Council or any of the other three council's in District No.2 (Western). Nominations close at 5.00pm on Friday, 7 July 2017.

Upon close of nominations, (if necessary) the LGAQ will send out ballot papers for voting on the nominated elected members. Council will then be asked to vote on its preferred candidate. Scenic Rim, Lockyer and Somerset Councils each have two votes and Ipswich Council has six votes.

Strategic Implications

Community Plan

Theme: Open and Responsive Government
 Outcome: Government is transparent, invites participation and encourages constructive debate.
 Priority: Supporting and developing leaders in the community

Corporate Plan / Operational Plan

Open and Responsive Government

Budget Implications

There are no Council budget implications associated with this report.

Legal / Statutory Implications

There are no legal / statutory implications associated with this report.

Risks

Strategic Risks

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

PO1 - Failure to adequately participate in relevant political advocacy forums

Risk Assessment

Category	Consequence	Likelihood	Inherent Risk Rating	Treatment of risks	Residual Risk Rating
Political This position represents Scenic Rim Regional Council on the LGAQ Policy Executive.	Minor	Unlikely	Low	Council to nominate an elected member	Low

Conclusion

That Council consider nominating an elected member of Scenic Rim, Somerset, Lockyer or Ipswich Councils for the position of District Representative for District No.2 (Western Region) on the LGAQ's Policy Executive.

Council may also consider who Council will vote for if a ballot is required. This will prevent the need for a further report, should a ballot be undertaken.

Consultation

Nil

Chief Executive Officer's Recommendation

That Council consider nominating an elected member of Scenic Rim, Somerset, Lockyer or Ipswich Councils for the position of District Representative for District No.2 (Western Region) on the Local Government Association of Queensland's Policy Executive.

Attachments

Nil.

