5.12. ELECTION OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF QUEENSLAND (LGAQ POLICY EXECUTIVE DISTRICT REPORESENTATIVES 2016 - 2020

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RECOMMENDATION

That Council decide whether to nominate an elected member to be included in the nominations for the LGAQ election of District Representatives to the Association's Policy Executive for the term of 2016 –2020.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Nominations are now open for the election of District Representatives to the Local Government Association of Queensland's (LGAQ) Policy Executive and should Council decide to, it may nominate an eligible candidate for election to this role.

BACKGROUND

The Executive currently has six regular meetings each year, however this frequency can be varied by the Policy Executive. With the exception of one regional meeting and the meeting which precedes the Annual Conference, the Policy Executive meets at Local Government House in Brisbane.

Attachment 1 shows the indicative timeframes for the proposed meetings.

Nominations close at 5.00pm on Friday 29 April 2016 and must be received no later than that time. Ballot papers (if necessary) will be sent immediately upon the close of nominations.

PROPOSAL

Council is entitled to nominate a candidate for the election amongst elected members of the Councils within their District. This report provides Council with the opportunity to nominate an eligible candidate should it decide to do so.

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The election of a Councillor to the LGAQ Policy Executive is intended to be cost neutral as the Association covers all meeting fees, reimbursements and appropriate insurance

CORPORATE/OPERATIONAL PLAN, POLICY REFERENCE

This report has been prepared in accordance with the following:

Corporate Plan 2014-2019 Initiatives:

Theme 4 - Engage, Plan, Partner

4.2.3 - Work with regional, state, national and international stakeholders to promote beneficial partnerships to support strong, resilient and sustainable communities.

Operational Plan 2015-2016 Actions:

COUNCIL'S ROLE

The following areas outline where Council has a clear responsibility to act:

Advocate Supporting communities and groups by advocating for certain actions from other organisations.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 - Correspondence received from the LGAQ regarding the election to the Policy Executive



21 March 2016

DISTRICT NO.10

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER **ALL MEMBER COUNCILS**

ELECTION OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF QUEENSLAND'S (LGAQ) POLICY **EXECUTIVE DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES 2016-2020**

In accordance with Rule 5.4 of the Association's Constitution and Rules, nominations are hereby called for the election of District Representatives to the Association's Policy Executive for the period 2016-2020.

Please note well, this is not an election for Local Government District Associations. In many cases the District Local Government Association areas and the LGAQ Electoral Districts are not the same.

Councils within an Electoral District are entitled to nominate candidates for election from amongst elected members of the Councils within their District.

If there is more than one nomination per District, an election by postal ballot will apply. If an election is required, the "first past the post" voting system will apply.

Attachment 1:

The Councils within your District.

The votes exercised by each council.

Attachment 2:

Policy Executive Members Information Schedule

LGAQ Corporate Governance Charter Fees, reimbursements and insurance.

Attachment 3:

Nomination Form for your District.

PLEASE NOTE:

- Nominations close at 5.00pm, Friday 29 April 2016 and must be actually received by the Chief Executive Officer by that time.
- b) If you intend to nominate a person, you are encouraged to have the matter considered at your Statutory Meeting following the Quadrennial Elections held on Saturday, 19 March 2016.
- c) A Ballot Paper (if necessary) will be sent to you immediately upon the close of nominations.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to call me.

Yours sincerely

Gred Hallam PSM

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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DISTRICT NO 10 - (Far North)

COUNCIL	<u>VOTES</u>
CAIRNS	6
CASSOWARY COAST	2
COOK	2
DOUGLAS	2
MAREEBA	2
TABLELANDS	2
TORRES	2

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POLICY EXECUTIVE MEMBERS INFORMATION SCHEDULE

MEETING OBLIGATIONS

The Executive currently has six (6) regular meetings each year, however this frequency can be varied by the Policy Executive. With the exception of one regional meeting and the meeting which precedes the Annual Conference, the Policy Executive meets at Local Government House in Brisbane. The dates at present are generally as follows:

- 1) Early February (1 Day)
- 2) Early April (1 Day)
- 3) Late June/Early July please note in 2016 this will be a two day event 29 June Policy Executive Induction Day and 30 June Policy Executive meeting day
- 4) Late August (1 Day)
- 5) The day before Annual Conference (1 Day)6) Early December (1 Day)

Special Meetings may be called as required. Meetings by way of telephone hook-up may also be

Policy Executive Members may also be appointed to represent the Association on statutory boards and committees as well as ad hoc bodies. These appointments are made by the Policy Executive following consultation with member councils.

Members elected at this time take up their positions on 30 June 2016, and subject to the Rules, hold office until mid-June 2020.

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FEES, REIMBURSEMENTS AND INSURANCE

The current payments to Policy Executive Members attending Policy Executive and Committee Meetings and other approved meetings, for which payment is not made by the outside board, committee or body, are as follows:

Daily Allowance

\$443.00

Overnight Allowance \$255.00

Travel Costs - Actual airfare (economy class), and/or motor vehicle expenses at current ATO rate ie 77c a kilometre, and/or actual taxi fares, and/or actual parking fees.

These rates are reviewed each year in the Budget in May. Payment of fees and reimbursements is usually made at the meeting attended upon completion of a claim form.

A personal accident insurance scheme operates for all Policy Executive Members whilst travelling or involved in Association activity.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF QUEENSLAND POLICY EXECUTIVE 2016-2020

NOMINATION FORM

DISTRICT NO.10

The City/Shire/Regional Counc	il of		
Hereby nominates Cr			,,,,
To represent District Number 1 the Constitution and Rules of th			ance with Rule 5.4 of
Date at	this	day of	2016
		CHIEF EX	CECUTIVE OFFICER
I hereby accept this nomination			
PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM BY POST WITH THE ENCLOSED REGISTERED ENVELOPE TO THE RETURNING OFFICER BY NO LATER THAN 5.00PM FRIDAY 29 APRIL 2016, IF COUNCIL WISHES TO SUBMIT A NOMINATION.			
RETURNING OFFICER:	MR GJ HALLAM PSM RETURNING OFFICER LOCAL GOVERNMEN PO BOX 2230 FORTITUDE VALLEY I	r Association of QL	.D LTD

N.B FAXED OR EMAILED NOMINATIONS <u>WILL NOT</u> BE ACCEPTED. <u>REGISTERED POST OR</u> BY HAND ONLY.

9.1. AGENDA ITEM 9 - CLOSED SESSION

- 9.1 Prejudicial Matter S275 (1) (H) Local Government Regulation 2012 Renewal of Special Lease 50138
- 9.2 Prejudicial Matter S275 (1) (H) Local Government Regulation 2012 Land Acquisition Upper Daintree Road