

**MARRICKVILLE
COUNCIL**

BUSINESS PAPER

for

**EXTRAORDINARY
COUNCIL
MEETING**

E01/05

**6.30 PM, TUESDAY,
27 SEPTEMBER, 2005**

MARRICKVILLE COUNCIL

Administrative Centre
PETERSHAM

21 September, 2005

Dear Councillors

Notice is given of the **EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**, to be held in the COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT THE ADMINISTRATIVE CENTRE, PETERSHAM, on TUESDAY, 27 SEPTEMBER, 2005, commencing at 6.30pm.

Yours faithfully



Candy Nay
General Manager

COUNCILLORS

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COUNCIL MEETING

The Council meeting is chaired by His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Morris Hanna OAM. The names of the Councillors and their contact details are listed on the previous page. Councillors are entitled to one vote on a matter. If votes are equal, the Chairperson has a second or casting vote. When a majority of Councillors vote in favour of a Motion it becomes a decision of the Council.

THE MEETING

The Meeting is conducted in accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice. The order of business is listed in the Agenda. That order will be followed unless a request has been made by a member of the community to address the Council on an item on the Agenda. If a request has been made, the Chairperson will ask the Council whether it wishes to bring that item forward. If Council resolves to bring more than one item forward the items will be considered in the order they are listed on the Agenda, unless the Council decides otherwise. The procedures for addressing the Council are contained on the following pages, under the heading "Meeting Procedures - Public Forum".

Some items are *CONFIDENTIAL* in accordance with S10(2) of the Local Government Act. This will be clearly stated in the Business Paper. These items are not discussed in open Council and observers will be asked to leave the Council Chambers when they are discussed.

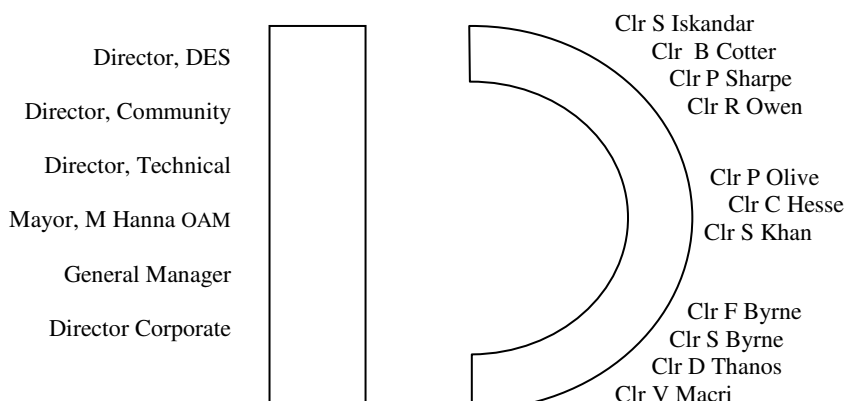
Items are *CONFIDENTIAL* if any of the following apply:

- (a) personnel matters concerning particular individuals;
- (b) the personal hardship of any resident or ratepayer;
- (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business;
- (d) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed:
 - (i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it, and on balance, would be contrary to the public interest; or
 - (ii) confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council, and on balance, would be contrary to the public interest; or
 - (iii) reveal a trade secret,
- (e) information that would, if disclosed, prejudice the maintenance of law, and on balance, would be contrary to the public interest;
- (f) matters affecting the security of the council, councillors, council staff or council property, and on balance, would be contrary to the public interest;
- (g) advice concerning litigation, or advice that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the ground of legal professional privilege, and on balance, would be contrary to the public interest.

The grounds on which a meeting is closed to the public must be specified in the decision to close the meeting and recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

The number of items that are dealt with as *CONFIDENTIAL* are kept to a minimum.

LAYOUT FOR COUNCIL MEETINGS



THE ROLE OF THE ELECTED COUNCIL

Marrickville Council has twelve Councillors who are elected every four years to direct and control the affairs of the Council, in accordance with the Local Government Act. The Councillors review the performance of the Council and its delivery of services, the Council's financial and management plans and its annual budget.

The work of a Councillor is voluntary and a small allowance is paid to compensate them for the cost of attending the many Council Meetings and carrying out their civic duties.

In Marrickville, the Mayor is elected by the twelve Councillors to lead the Council, and is required to represent Council at many civic and community functions. The Mayor receives an additional allowance to undertake these duties.

MEETING TIMES

1st Tuesday of each month	6.00 pm	DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING <i>(Development Approvals, Monitoring Services, Planning Services, Environmental Services)</i>
	at conclusion of Development & Environmental Services	ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING (Development & Environmental Services Committee Matters Only)
2nd Tuesday of each month	6.00 pm	COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING <i>(Children's Services, Community Relations, Community Development, Library Services)</i>
	at conclusion of Community Services	CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING <i>(Finance, Administrative Services, Employee Services, Information Systems)</i>
	at conclusion of Corporate Services	TECHNICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING <i>(Parks & Reserves, Traffic, Engineering Services, Property Services, Business Units)</i>
3rd Tuesday of each month	6.30 pm	ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Each of Council's committees has delegated authority to make decisions subject to a number of limitations. Matters which cannot be decided by the committees are referred to the Ordinary Council Meeting for decision. Meetings are held on the 3rd floor of Council's Administrative Centre, 2-14 Fisher St, Petersham.

COUNCIL BUSINESS PAPERS

To enable Council to give consideration to items of business at each Meeting, a Business Paper, like this one, is prepared, containing reports by senior staff in relation to each item listed on the Agenda for the Meeting. The Business Paper for each Meeting is available for perusal by members of the public at Council's Libraries and Community Neighbourhood Centres on the Thursday prior to the Council Meeting.

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE AT COUNCIL MEETINGS

Members of the public are welcome to attend Council and Committee Meetings and are also permitted to address Council and Committee meetings if the subject is directly related to an item before the Meeting. Details of the procedures to be followed in addressing Council and its committees are contained in the section of the Business Paper entitled "Meeting Procedures - Public Forum"

INTERPRETER ASSISTANCE

If you do not understand any part of the information given above, or wish to obtain information in relation to Council, don't hesitate to come to any of Council's offices.

MEETING PROCEDURES - PUBLIC FORUM

1. Persons will be permitted to address Council/Committee Meetings only if the subject is related directly to an item before the Council/Committee at that meeting.
2. A precis of the address shall be submitted in writing and shall be delivered to the General Manager on the ground floor of the Administrative Centre by midday on the day of the meeting. The precis should include a reference to the item on the Business Paper, details of the speaker's name, telephone number, interest in the item, brief details of the points to be made in the address and whether the recommendation is favoured or opposed.
3. Copies of the precis received shall be given to all Councillors at the commencement of the Meeting.
4. All persons addressing the Meeting shall speak to the Chair.
5. The time allowed for each speaker shall be limited to three (3) minutes with one (1) extension of not more than three (3) minutes with the approval of the Council Committee. This time limit shall apply no matter how many items are addressed by the speaker.
6. Not more than one (1) member of a Group may speak.
7. Each item before Council Committee is restricted to three (3) speakers for and three (3) speakers against the Recommendation.
8. Any proposed variation from 1 to 7 above shall be subject of a procedural motion.
9. Councillors will not enter into general debate with, or ask questions of, speakers.
10. The Chairperson may curtail public participation where the information being presented is considered repetitive or irrelevant.
11. Questions or representations will be dealt with in strict sequence of the Agenda for the Meeting.

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File Ref: 4926

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A report giving details of various organisations and Committees on which Council representation is required. The report seeks Council's determination of its representation for these committees/bodies.

GM 75 - ELECTION OF MAYOR
For Decision

File Ref: 4578-02

General Manager reports:

Synopsis

A report in relation to the role of the Mayor and the voting method for the election of the Mayor. Under Section 290 of the Local Government Act 1993, the election of the Mayor must be held within three weeks after the ordinary election and then each September. It is recommended that, if more than one Councillor is nominated, Council resolve whether the election is to proceed by preferential ballot, by ordinary ballot or by open voting; and that the election of Mayor for the ensuing period until September 2006 be conducted in accordance with the legislation.

Background

Section 290 of the Local Government Act 1993 provides that the election of the Mayor must be held within three weeks after the ordinary election and then each September, as follows:

- “(1) The election of the mayor by the councillors is to be held:*
- (a) if it is the first election after an ordinary election of councillors—within 3 weeks after the ordinary election; or*
 - (b) if it is not that first election or an election to fill a casual vacancy—during the month of September; or*
 - (c) if it is the first election after the constitution of an area—within 14 days after the appointment of a provisional council or the first election of the council if a provisional council is not appointed; or*
 - (d) if the relevant council is a non-functioning council, or a council of which all civic offices have been declared vacant, and the election is the first to be held after the appointment or election of the councillors—within 14 days after the appointment or election of the councillors.”*

Section 225 of the Local Government Act 1993 provides that an area must have a Mayor who is elected by the Councillors or the electors of the area. The Mayor elected by the Councillors holds office for one (1) year.

The role of the Mayor, as provided for in Section 226 of the Act, is:

- “* to exercise, in cases of necessity, the policy making functions of the governing body of the council between meetings of the council;*
- * to exercise such other functions of the council as the council determines;*
- * to preside at meetings of the council;*
- * to carry out the civic and ceremonial functions of the mayoral office.”*

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For Decision

Schedule 7 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005, outlines the requirements for electing the Mayor and the voting method. A copy of Schedule 7 is **ATTACHED**.

It should be specifically noted that:

- * The General Manager, or a person appointed by the General Manager, is the Returning Officer.
- * Nominations have to be in writing, signed by two (2) or more Councillors (one of whom may be the nominee), and the nominee has to indicate consent to the nomination in writing.
- * The nomination is to be delivered or sent to the Returning Officer.
- * Nominations are to be announced and elections are to be conducted at the same Council Meeting.
- * If only one Councillor is nominated, that Councillor is elected.
- * If more than one Councillor is nominated, the Council must resolve whether the election is to proceed by preferential ballot, ordinary ballot or open voting. Preferential ballot and ordinary ballot are secret ballots. The election is to be held at the Council Meeting at which Council resolves on the method of voting.
- * An informal ballot paper must be rejected at the count.
- * Tied votes, where the number of votes cast for two candidates are equal and they are the only candidates in or remaining in the election, are decided by choosing by lot - the candidate whose name is first chosen by lot is taken to be elected.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT:

1. if there is more than one nomination for election as Mayor, Council resolve that the election proceed by either preferential ballot, ordinary ballot, or open voting; and
2. the election of the Mayor for the period to September 2006 be conducted in accordance with the legislation.

ATTACHMENT: Total 4 pages

Schedule 7 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005

**GM 75 - ATTACHMENT
LOCAL GOVERNMENT (GENERAL) REGULATION 2005 -SCHEDULE 7**

For Decision

Schedule 7 - Election of mayor by councillors

(Clause 394)

Part 1 – Preliminary

1 Returning officer

The general manager (or a person appointed by the general manager) is the returning officer.

2 Nomination

- (1) A councillor may be nominated without notice for election as mayor or deputy mayor.
- (2) The nomination is to be made in writing by 2 or more councillors (one of whom may be the nominee). The nomination is not valid unless the nominee has indicated consent to the nomination in writing.
- (3) The nomination is to be delivered or sent to the returning officer.
- (4) The returning officer is to announce the names of the nominees at the council meeting at which the election is to be held.

3 Election

- (1) If only one councillor is nominated, that councillor is elected.
- (2) If more than one councillor is nominated, the council is to resolve whether the election is to proceed by preferential ballot, by ordinary ballot or by open voting.
- (3) The election is to be held at the council meeting at which the council resolves on the method of voting.
- (4) In this clause: "**ballot**" has its normal meaning of secret ballot. "**open voting**" means voting by a show of hands or similar means.

Part 2 – Ordinary ballot or open voting

4 Application of Part

This Part applies if the election proceeds by ordinary ballot or by open voting.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT (GENERAL) REGULATION 2005 -SCHEDULE 7**

For Decision

5 Marking of ballot-papers

- (1) If the election proceeds by ordinary ballot, the returning officer is to decide the manner in which votes are to be marked on the ballot-papers.
- (2) The formality of a ballot-paper under this Part must be determined in accordance with clause 345 (1) (b) and (c) and (5) of this Regulation as if it were a ballot-paper referred to in that clause.
- (3) An informal ballot-paper must be rejected at the count.

6 Count--2 candidates

- (1) If there are only 2 candidates, the candidate with the higher number of votes is elected.
- (2) If there are only 2 candidates and they are tied, the one elected is to be chosen by lot.

7 Count--3 or more candidates

- (1) If there are 3 or more candidates, the one with the lowest number of votes is to be excluded.
- (2) If 3 or more candidates then remain, a further vote is to be taken of those candidates and the one with the lowest number of votes from that further vote is to be excluded.
- (3) If, after that, 3 or more candidates still remain, the procedure set out in subclause (2) is to be repeated until only 2 candidates remain.
- (4) A further vote is to be taken of the 2 remaining candidates.
- (5) Clause 6 of this Schedule then applies to the determination of the election as if the 2 remaining candidates had been the only candidates.
- (6) If at any stage during a count under subclause (1) or (2), 2 or more candidates are tied on the lowest number of votes, the one excluded is to be chosen by lot.

Part 3 – Preferential ballot

8 Application of Part

This Part applies if the election proceeds by preferential ballot.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT (GENERAL) REGULATION 2005 -SCHEDULE 7**

For Decision

9 Ballot-papers and voting

- (1) The ballot-papers are to contain the names of all the candidates. The councillors are to mark their votes by placing the numbers "1", "2" and so on against the various names so as to indicate the order of their preference for all the candidates.
- (2) The formality of a ballot-paper under this Part is to be determined in accordance with clause 345 (1) (b) and (c) and (5) of this Regulation as if it were a ballot-paper referred to in that clause.
- (3) An informal ballot-paper must be rejected at the count.

10 Count

- (1) If a candidate has an absolute majority of first preference votes, that candidate is elected.
- (2) If not, the candidate with the lowest number of first preference votes is excluded and the votes on the unexhausted ballot-papers counted to him or her are transferred to the candidates with second preferences on those ballot-papers.
- (3) A candidate who then has an absolute majority of votes is elected, but, if no candidate then has an absolute majority of votes, the process of excluding the candidate who has the lowest number of votes and counting each of his or her unexhausted ballot-papers to the candidates remaining in the election next in order of the voter's preference is repeated until one candidate has received an absolute majority of votes. The latter is elected.
- (4) In this clause, "**absolute majority**", in relation to votes, means a number that is more than one-half of the number of unexhausted formal ballot-papers.

11 Tied candidates

- (1) If, on any count of votes, there are 2 candidates in, or remaining in, the election and the numbers of votes cast for the 2 candidates are equal--the candidate whose name is first chosen by lot is taken to have received an absolute majority of votes and is therefore taken to be elected.
- (2) If, on any count of votes, there are 3 or more candidates in, or remaining in, the election and the numbers of votes cast for 2 or more candidates are equal and those candidates are the ones with the lowest number of votes on the count of the votes--the candidate whose name is first chosen by lot is taken to have the lowest number of votes and is therefore excluded.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT (GENERAL) REGULATION 2005 -SCHEDULE 7**

For Decision

Part 4 – General

12 Choosing by lot

To choose a candidate by lot, the names of the candidates who have equal numbers of votes are written on similar slips of paper by the returning officer, the slips are folded by the returning officer so as to prevent the names being seen, the slips are mixed and one is drawn at random by the returning officer and the candidate whose name is on the drawn slip is chosen.

13 Result

The result of the election (including the name of the candidate elected as mayor or deputy mayor) is:

- (a) to be declared to the councillors at the council meeting at which the election is held by the returning officer, and
- (b) to be delivered or sent to the Director-General and to the Secretary of the Local Government and Shires Associations of New South Wales.

GM 76 - ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR
For Decision

File Ref: 4926

General Manager reports:

Synopsis

A report on the legislative provisions relating to the election of the Deputy Mayor which recommends that, if more than one Councillor is nominated, Council resolve whether the election is to proceed by preferential ballot, by ordinary ballot or by open voting; and that the election of Deputy Mayor for the period to September 2006 be conducted in accordance with the legislation.

Discussion

Section 231 of the Local Government Act 1993 provides:

- 231 (1) The Councillors may elect a person from among their number to be the Deputy Mayor.*
- (2) The person may be elected for the mayoral term or a shorter term.*
- (3) The Deputy Mayor may exercise any function of the Mayor at the request of the Mayor or if the Mayor is prevented by illness, absence or otherwise from exercising the function or if there is a casual vacancy in the office of Mayor.*
- (4) The Councillors may elect a person from among their number to act as Deputy Mayor if the Deputy Mayor is prevented by illness, absence or otherwise from exercising a function under this section, or if no Deputy Mayor has been elected."*

The method of electing the Deputy Mayor is the same as that for the election of Mayor, in accordance with Schedule 7 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005, a copy of which is attached to the previous item.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT:

1. if there is more than one nomination for election as Deputy Mayor, Council resolve that the election proceed by either preferential ballot, ordinary ballot, or open voting; and
2. the election of the Deputy Mayor for the period to September 2006 be conducted in accordance with the legislation.

**GM 77 - DETERMINATION OF MEETING STRUCTURE AND
APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES
For Decision**

File Ref: 4926

General Manager reports:

Synopsis

A report in relation to the determination of the Council's meeting structure, including the appointment, functions and conduct of Council Committees. It is recommended that the Council determine its meeting structure and appoint Committees for the period to September 2006.

Background

At its first meeting on 14 April 2004, the current Council considered a report (Item GM23, Meeting E01/04) on the appointment of committees and adopted the meeting structure and meeting times listed below. It has been customary for Council to review its meeting structure and the appointment of committees in September each year following the election of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

Discussion

(a) **Meeting Structure**

The existing meeting structure is as follows:

1st Tuesday of each month	6.00 pm	DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
	at conclusion of Development & Environmental Services	ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING (Development & Environmental Services Committee Matters Only)
2nd Tuesday of each month	6.00 pm	COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
	at conclusion of Community Services	CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
	at conclusion of Corporate Services	TECHNICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
3rd Tuesday of each month	6.30 pm	ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

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In accordance with Clause 5(2) of Council's Code of Meeting Practice:

"The Council shall, by resolution, set the time, date and place of ordinary meetings of the Council." (Policy)

Under Clause 41(1) of the Code of Meeting Practice:

"The Council may, by resolution, establish such committees as it considers necessary."

In accordance with that provision, Council adopted the existing committee structure of four committees – Community Services, Development & Environmental Services, Corporate Services and Technical Services Committees.

(b) Membership of Committees

The Mayor is, by virtue of holding that office, a member of each Committee of the Council – Clause 41(2) of Council's Code of Meeting Practice.

In accordance with Clause 41(2) and Clause 47 of Council's "Code of Meeting Practice", it is necessary for Council to:-

1. determine which councillors will be members of each committee;
2. determine, if the Mayor does not wish to be the Chairperson of a committee, whether Council wishes to elect a chairperson for each committee and if it does, that a chairperson be elected for each committee; and
3. determine whether Council wishes to elect a deputy chairperson for each committee and if it does, that a deputy chairperson be elected for each committee.

Under Clause 47(1)(c) and (2), if the Council does not elect a member of the Committee to be the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson, the Committee is to elect the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson.

The existing committee structure of four committees, including membership, is as follows:

Development & Environmental Services Committee

Meeting Time: 1st Tuesday of the month at 6.00pm.
No. of Members: Twelve (12).
Previous Membership: Chairperson: Councillor Sam Byrne, Deputy Chairperson: Councillor Dimitrios Thanos, Councillor Morris Hanna (Mayor) and all Councillors.

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Functions: Approvals, including development consents and the like; Planning Services; Environmental Services; and Monitoring Services, including orders and notices relating to unlawful building work and development.

Community Services Committee

Meeting Time: 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6.00pm.

No of Members: Twelve (12)

Previous Membership: Chairperson: Councillor Dimitrios Thanos, Deputy Chairperson: Councillor Peter Olive, Councillor Morris Hanna (Mayor) and all Councillors.

Functions: Children's Services, Communication and Cultural Services, Recreation Facilities, Community Development, and Library Services.

Corporate Services Committee

Meeting Time: 2nd Tuesday of the month at the conclusion of the Community Services Committee.

No of Members: Twelve (12).

Previous Membership: Chairperson: Councillor Saeed Khan, Deputy Chairperson: Councillor Victor Macri, Councillors Morris Hanna (Mayor) and all Councillors.

Functions: Finance, Employee Services, Administrative Services, Information (Computer) Services, and Legal Services.

Technical Services Committee

Meeting Time: 2nd Tuesday of the month at the conclusion of the Corporate Services Committee.

No of Members: Twelve (12).

Previous Membership: Chairperson: Councillor Colin Hesse, Deputy Chairperson: Councillor Fiona Byrne, Councillors Morris Hanna (Mayor) and all Councillors.

Functions: Engineering Services, Property Services, Parks and Reserves, and Business Units.

A copy of the existing Delegations for these Committees is **ATTACHED**.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council:

1. determine its meeting structure, including its committees and the time, date and place of the Ordinary Meeting and the meetings of the committees;
2. in relation to its Committees:
 - (a) determine whether to make any changes to the Committee delegations;

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For Decision**

- (b) determine which councillors will be members of each committee;
- (c) determine, if the Mayor does not wish to be the Chairperson of a committee, whether Council wishes to elect a chairperson for each committee and if it does, that a chairperson be elected for each committee; and
- (d) determine whether Council wishes to elect a deputy chairperson for each committee and if it does, that a deputy chairperson be elected for each of the committees.

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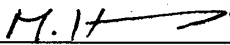
Marrickville Council Committee Constitution and Committee Delegations 2005

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COMMITTEE DELEGATIONS 2005
For Decision

MARRICKVILLE COUNCIL
COMMITTEE CONSTITUTION & COMMITTEE
DELEGATIONS 2005

Pursuant to a resolution made at a duly convened meeting held on 15 March 2005, Marrickville Council:

- (a) revokes the instruments relating to the constitution and delegations to its committees that were made and granted on 14 April 2004; and
- (b) pursuant to sections 373 and 377 of the Local Government Act 1993 and clause 33 of the Local Government (Meetings) Regulation 1999 establishes the following committees and delegates them the powers specified below.


Morris Hanna
Mayor

Date: *23rd August, 2005*

Constitution of committees

Name of Committee	Membership	Functions of Committees
<i>Development & Environmental Services Committee</i>	All councillors	The functions of the Council relating to the matters of the following classes or descriptions: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- development assessment;- planning services;- monitoring services;- environmental services.
<i>Technical Services Committee</i>	All councillors	The functions of the Council relating to the matters of the following classes or descriptions: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- engineering services;- property services (including waste management);- parks & reserves;- public works (business units).

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MARRICKVILLE COUNCIL COMMITTEE CONSTITUTION &
COMMITTEE DELEGATIONS 2005
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<i>Community Services Committee</i>	All councillors	The functions of the Council relating to the matters of the following classes or descriptions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - children and family services; - communications and cultural services; - community development; - library services; - history program; - community facilities and recreation.
<i>Corporate Services Committee</i>	All councillors	The functions of the Council relating to the matters of the following classes or descriptions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - corporate development; - finance; - employee services; - administrative services; - information systems; - legal services.

Delegations to committees

Name of Committee	Functions delegated	Conditions and Limitations
<i>Development & Environmental Services Committee</i>)))	For each Committee, the functions of the Council being functions not prohibited from being delegated by the Council by or under any Act.	A function delegated to the Committee may not be exercised: (a) where the exercise of the function involves the adoption or amendment of a Policy of the Council or would be inconsistent with the aims and objectives of any existing Council Policy; or (b) if, before the Committee votes on a recommendation, the Mayor serves a notice in writing on the Chairperson remitting the matter to the Council for a decision.
<i>Technical Services Committee</i>))		
<i>Community Services Committee</i>))		
<i>Corporate Services Committee</i>))		
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**GM 78 - APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILLORS AS REPRESENTATIVES
OF COUNCIL ON SPECIAL COMMITTEES; OTHER ORGANISATIONS/
BODIES; AND REGIONAL ORGANISATIONS**

For Decision

File Ref: 4926

General Manager reports:

Synopsis

A report giving details of various organisations and Committees on which Council representation is required. The report seeks Council's determination of its representation for these committees/bodies.

Discussion

A. Council Committees:

The previous representation is as follows:

1. Addison Road Community Board (Major community facility)

Meetings: Monthly, every second Monday in each month
Reports to: Community Services Committee
Council Representation: One Councillor
Council Representatives: Councillor P Olive with Councillor S Khan as alternate.

2. Marrickville Ethnic Communities Committee (Advisory Committee of Council)

Meetings: Bi-monthly, 2.30pm first Wednesday of month.
Reports to: Community Services Committee
Council Representatives: Councillor S Khan and Council Staff.

3. Newtown South Main Street Committee (Advisory Committee to Council)

Comprises representatives of Marrickville Council, retailers, business owners, property owners and residents.

Meetings: Monthly
Reports to: Community Services Committee
Council Representation: Four (4) Councillors
Council Representative: His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Morris Hanna and all North Ward Councillors.

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4. Marrickville Main Street Committee (Advisory Committee to Council)

Comprises representatives from Council, Community groups, Chamber of Commerce, property owners and business people of Marrickville.

Meetings: Monthly
Reports to: Community Services Committee
Council Representatives: His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Morris Hanna and all South Ward Councillors.

5. Petersham Main Street Committee (Advisory Committee to Council)

Comprises representatives from Council, Community groups, property owners and business people.

Meetings: Monthly
Reports to: Community Services Committee
Council Representatives: His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Morris Hanna and all Central Ward Councillors.

6. Local Traffic Planning & Advisory Committee (Council Committee with one Council representative and representatives of various statutory bodies).

Chairperson: His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Morris Hanna with Deputy Mayor, Councillor S Byrne with Manager, Engineering Services as alternates.
Reports to: Technical Services Committee
Council Representative: His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Morris Hanna and with Deputy Mayor, Councillor S Byrne as alternate.

7. Marrickville Transportation Committee

Meetings: Recommended quarterly
Reports to: Technical Services Committee
Council Representatives: Councillor C Hesse, Manager, Engineering Services and Manager, Planning Services, or their nominees.
Other Representatives: DUAP, STA, RTA, SRA, Adjoining Council representative as appropriate, SSROC and IMROC representatives, community groups by invitation.

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8. Bicycle Technical Advisory Sub-Committee (reports to Transportation Committee)

Meetings: Recommended quarterly
Reports to: Technical Services Committee
Council Representatives: Councillor P Olive and Traffic Engineer
Other Representatives: Marrickville South Sydney Bicycle User Group, others as appropriate for agenda items.

9. Sister Cities Committee

Meetings: Quarterly, fourth Tuesday of the relevant month
Chairperson: His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Morris Hanna
Reports to: Community Services Committee
Council Representatives: His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Morris Hanna (Chairperson), and Councillors Thanos, Khan and Macri.

10. Marrickville Access Committee (Advisory Committee to Council)

Meetings: Bi-Monthly, on second Thursday of relevant month
Reports to: Community Services Committee
Council Representatives: Chairperson of the Community Services Committee, Councillors C Hesse and F Byrne and Manager, Community Development or staff members as the alternate representatives.

11. Heritage Promotion Committee

Meetings: Monthly, first Thursday
Reports to: Development and Environmental Services Committee
Council Representatives: Councillors P Olive and F Byrne.

12. Sports Council

Arising from recommendations of the Recreation User Needs Working Party, a Recreation Liaison Committee was established comprising members of various sporting organisations, together with interested members of the public.

Council Representative: Councillor S Khan

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13. Council Audit Committee

Meetings: Quarterly
Reports to: Council Meeting
Council Representation: His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Morris Hanna and the Chair of the Corporate Services Committee, General Manager, Director, Corporate Services, Manager, Administrative Services, Corporate Review Co-ordinator.

14. Marrickville Aboriginal Consultative Committee

The Aboriginal Community Consultative Committee was established comprising representatives from the Aboriginal Community, Councillors and Council Staff.

Meetings: six meetings per annum (February, April, June, August, October, November)
Reports to: Community Services Committee
Council Representation: Councillors V Macri, S Khan, F Byrne and S Byrne (changing to two Councillor representatives from September 2005 Council Meeting)

15. GLL@M: Gay and Lesbian Liaison @ Marrickville Committee

Responsible for developing improved communication and co-operative relationships with representatives of the gay and lesbian community in the Local Government Area.

Meetings: Quarterly (2nd Wednesday of relevant month)
Reports to: Community Services Committee
Council Representation: Two Councillors, Manager, Communications and Cultural Services
Council Representatives: Councillors S Byrne and F Byrne

16. Social Capital Committee

Responsible for identifying mechanisms and initiating projects that foster community spirit and community ties.

Meetings: As required
Reports to: Community Services Committee
Council Representative: Councillor F Byrne and Manager, Community Development.

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17. Dulwich Hill Main Street Committee (Advisory Committee to Council)

Comprises representatives from Council, Dulwich Hill Chamber of Commerce, property owners, business people and residents of Dulwich Hill.

Meetings: Monthly
Reports to: Community Services Committee
Council Representatives: His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Morris Hanna and all West Ward Councillors.

18. Safety in Marrickville Committee

Responsible for monitoring and implementing a Community Safety Plan for the Local Government area.

Meetings: Quarterly
Reports to: Community Services Committee
Council Representatives: His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Morris Hanna and Councillor F Byrne.

19. Watershed Committee (Advisory Committee to Project Working Group).

Comprises representatives of Marrickville Council, Sydney City Council, Councillor for Sydney Council, Stormwater Trust, Businesses (retailers), community representatives and Department of Environment and Conservation.

Meetings: Quarterly
Reports to: Developmental and Environmental Services Committee
Council Representation: Councillor F Byrne

20. Marrickville Council Conduct Committee

Established in accordance with Clause 10 of Council's Code of Conduct, the Conduct Committee comprises His Worship the Mayor, the General Manager and an independent adviser, being Council's nominated Legal Adviser, or other independent person/s of appropriate standing. Council has appointed its Auditor as the independent member.

Meetings: as required
Reports to: Council Meeting
Council Representative: His Worship the Mayor and the General Manager

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21. Marrickville Cooks River Committee (Advisory Committee)

Comprises representatives of Marrickville Council; the Director, Development and Environmental Services, the Director, Technical Services, and the Manager, Environmental Services, and up to 6 individuals from the community.

Meetings: Quarterly
Reports to: Developmental and Environmental Services Committee
Council Representation: Chairperson, Development and Environmental Services Committee

22. Debbie and Abbey Borgia Community Recreation Centre Advisory Committee

To provide advice and support to PCYC in the operation of the DABCRC.

Meetings: Monthly
Reports to: Community Services Committee
Council Representation: Councillor Khan and Community Facilities and Recreation Co-ordinator

B. Councillor Representation on other Organisations/Bodies:

- a. **Australian Nuclear Free Zone Secretariat**
Councillor C Hesse
- b. **Roads & Traffic Authority Consultative Forum**
Chairperson: His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Morris Hanna and Councillor C Hesse.
- c. **Cooks River Floodplain Management Committee**
Councillor C Hesse.
- d. **Metropolitan Public Libraries Association**
Councillors F Byrne and Councillor C Hesse as alternative.
- e. **Cities for Climate Protection**
Councillor S Byrne

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C. Regional Organisations

- i) Southern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (SSROC)** - comprises eleven (11) councils in Southern Sydney and operates under an adopted constitution:

Secretariat: Meets every two months at each Council in turn.

Reports to: Council via a General Manager's Report to Council Meetings.

Councillor Representatives: His Worship the Mayor and Deputy Mayor, Councillor S Byrne with Councillors Thanos and Hesse as alternates.

- ii) Metropool** - is a co-operative insurance pool for Councils: Council has representation on the Board and the Management Committee.

Reports to: Council via a General Manager's Report

Councillor Representative: Chairperson of Corporate Services Committee, Councillor S Khan and General Manager.

- iii) Sydney Airport Community Consultative Committee**

Councillor Representative: Nil

- iv) Sydney Harbour Councils**

Councillor Representative: His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Morris Hanna.

Conclusion

1. *Australian Mayoral Aviation Committee*

Council ceased membership of the Committee on which it was previously represented by the Mayor. It is recommended that Council give consideration to re-joining the Committee with a view to further strengthening its capacity to lobby government in relation to Airport/ Aircraft issues and having regard to proposals to develop the Airport site to the detriment of surrounding Local Government Areas.

2. *Sports Council*

The Sports Council (listed as Item 12 in Part A of this report) has not met for many years. In view of the current strategic planning processes occurring in the Parks and Reserves area, including the development of a Sportsground Strategy, it is recommended that the Sports Council be disbanded and that Council will consider its future committee needs in the area of sport as part of the strategic planning process.

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3. *Social Capital Committee*

In 1999 Council endorsed the establishment of the Social Capital committee to implement a strategic approach to building social capital in Marrickville. It aimed to develop a range of strategies that promoted social capital in the local area that were fun, engaging and built on a strong sense of community that existed in the area.

The main projects undertaken by the Committee included the Belonging in Marrickville project; the Marrickville South project; Live Music / Events in Park; Community Leadership (including the development of Community Gardens) and reconciliation and community harmony.

Many of these projects have now been well established and some have their own working parties, or have become incorporated into Council's Social Plan, " Belonging in Marrickville: a social plan for the Marrickville LGA". The agreed principles of Social Capital have now been incorporated into all project planning and the professional approach undertaken by Council and its staff.

The last meeting of the Social Capital Committee was in late 2002. It is recommended that the Social Capital Committee be disbanded as its purpose has been achieved.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council:

1. rejoin the Australian Mayoral Aviation Committee;
2. disband the Sports Council (listed as Item 12 in Part A of this report);
3. disband the Social Capital Committee (listed as Item 16 in Part A of this report); and
4. determine its representatives on each of the Committees/Organisations listed.

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