



Decision Report Item Number 18.1

Call for LGA President Nominations

Report Date: 8 July 2024
Reporting Officer: Chief Executive Officer, Andrew MacDonald
Responsible Manager: Chief Executive Officer, Andrew MacDonald
Previous Reference: N/A

Report Purpose

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider nominating an eligible person for the position of LGA President for the next term of office.

Confidentiality Recommendation (Public)

Pursuant to section 90(2) and 90(3)(a)

Pursuant to section 90(2) of the *Local Government Act 1999* (the Act), the Council orders that all members of the public, except for the Chief Executive Officer, Andrew MacDonald; Group Manager Assets & Infrastructure, James Kelly; Group Manager Finance, Muhammad Jawad; Group Manager Public Relations, Sarah Spencer; Team Leader, People, Governance & Risk, Jim Dickens and Governance Officer (EA), Samantha Ioannidis, be excluded from attendance for Agenda Item 18.1 Call for LGA President Nominations.

The Council is satisfied that pursuant to sections 90(3)(a) of the Act, the information to be received, discussed and considered should be in confidence as the information in relation to this agenda item includes information of a confidential nature (not being a trade secret) the disclosure of which would involve the unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of any person (living or dead).

Accordingly, on this basis, the Council is satisfied that the principle that meetings of the Council should be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed by the need to keep the information or matter confidential.

Officer Recommendation

That Council nominates _____ for the position of LGA President for the 2024 to 2026 term of office.

Background

The LGA has called for nominations for the position of LGA President in accordance with the LGA Constitution and Rules. The term for next LGA President will be from the conclusion of the 2024 AGM to the conclusion of the 2026 AGM.

Discussion

The Chief Executive Officer of the LGA, Mr Clinton Jury, has written to all councils calling for nominations for LGA President for the next term of office.

The position of LGA President is rotated every two years between eligible members of South Australian Region of Councils (SAROC) and Greater Adelaide Region of Councils (GAROC). Mayor Deane Johnson was appointed as President in 2022 from SAROC.

To be eligible for nomination as a candidate in the 2024 President Election, a person must be a Council Member, and must be a current member of the GAROC Committee who has undertaken that role for a period of not less than one year.

The following members of GAROC are eligible to be nominated (subject to their willingness to stand) for election to the position of President:

- Mayor Gillian ALDRIDGE OAM (City of Salisbury – North Adelaide Region);
- Mayor Claire BOAN (City of Port Adelaide Enfield – West Adelaide Region);
- Mayor Michael COXON (City of West Torrens – West Adelaide Region);
- Mayor Kris HANNA (City of Marion – South Adelaide Region);
- Mayor Dr Heather HOLMES-ROSS (City of Mitcham – South Adelaide Region);
- Councillor Lucas JONES (City of Tea Tree Gully – North Adelaide Region);
- Councillor Anna LEOMBRUNO (Campbelltown City Council – East Adelaide Region);
- Lord Mayor Jane LOMAX-SMITH AM (City of Adelaide); and
- Councillor Don PALMER (City of Unley – East Adelaide Region).

The LGA Constitution provides that the President may be nominated by a member council of the LGA, and not necessarily the council which they are a member of. In the event there is only one nomination, that person will be elected unopposed. If there are more than one nomination, an election will be held in November 2024.

The LGA Board has authorised nominees to access the names and email addresses of Council Members from the LGA database to assist in communicating with the sector during an election campaign. This information will be available after the close of nominations upon request from nominees.

Assuming an election, a further report will be put to Council with the list of candidates and Council will determine, by resolution, Council's vote.

Attachment A provides details on the election process, timelines, LGA President Position Description, nomination forms and other relevant information. Nominations close 16 August 2024.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

Risk Implications

The risk associated with this report has been assessed as low.

Attachments

Attachment A	LGA Correspondence Calling for Nominations for LGA President
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Confidentiality Recommendation (Public)

Pursuant to section 91(7)

That having considered Agenda Item Agenda Item 18.1 Call for LGA President Nominations in confidence under section 90(2) & 90(3)(a) of the Act, the Council, pursuant to section 91(7) of that Act orders that the report and minutes to this Agenda Item be retained in confidence until completion of the election process, and that pursuant to section 91(9)(c) of the Act the Council delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the review and power to revoke this Order.