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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- Local Government NSW is requesting that Council register our voting delegates for the 2016 Local Government NSW (LGNSW) Conference as soon as possible.
- The opportunity to substitute delegate names after the Local Government Elections is permitted under the conference rules.
- Council is entitled to three voting delegates who must be registered by name.
- It is recommended:
 1. That the voting delegates for the 2016 LGNSW Conference be registered as the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and a third councillor delegate.
 2. That the names of the voting delegates be submitted to LGNSW now and a further report to Council determine the final nominations to be substituted under conference rules following the outcome of the Local Government and Council elections.

REPORT

The LGNSW Conference 2016 will be held on Sunday 16 October to Tuesday 18 October 2016 at the Win Entertainment Centre, Wollongong. Registrations are now open for attendance, to nominate voting delegates and submit motions for consideration at Conference.

The LGNSW conference is the annual policy-making event for NSW Councils. Council has three (3) voting entitlements under the conference rules and is required to submit the names of our nominated voting delegates to LGNSW by Friday 30 September 2016.

Traditionally two of our voting delegates have been the Mayor and Deputy Mayor, and these will not be determined until after the Mayoral and Deputy Mayoral elections which will be held following the outcome of the Local Government election at a date yet to be determined in late September 2016.

LGNSW has confirmed that they will not accept nominations by position and that nominations will not be accepted after the closing date. However they have advised that Council can nominate three delegates and in accordance with the Associations rules (rule 34) substitute the name(s) of our delegates at any time.

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Given the circumstances it is proposed that Council nominate three voting delegates and that the names be substituted accordingly following the Mayoral and Deputy Mayoral Election.

At present Council have no motions to be submitted to the conference for discussion. The closing date for submission of motions is Monday 22 August 2016.

CONSULTATION

Consultation with Local Government NSW, Manager Governance and members of Council's Executive staff was undertaken.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Funding to attend the conference has been allocated and is available under the Councillor expenses component of the Local Democracy budget.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the voting delegates for the 2016 LGNSW Conference be the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and a third councillor delegate.
2. That the names of the voting delegates be submitted to LGNSW now and a further report to Council determine the final nominations to be substituted under conference rules following the outcome of the Local Government and Council elections.