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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- The purpose of this report is to formally acknowledge the role of the Mayor during the break between Ordinary Council Meetings.
- It is recommended that Council acknowledge the role of the Mayor or in the absence of the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, to exercise in cases of necessity, the policy making functions of the governing body of the Council between meetings of the Council.

REPORT

Monday, 11 December 2017 is the last Ordinary Meeting of the year. The next Ordinary Meeting is proposed for 19 February 2018. As this break over Christmas and New Year is fast approaching, it is timely to detail the Mayor's legislated powers between meetings.

In the event that a matter of urgency arises within this period of time, the Mayor under section 226 (or Deputy Mayor under section 231) of the Local Government Act 1993 (the Act) is able to exercise the policy making functions of Council.

Section 226 of the Act defines the role of the Mayor as:

- to exercise, in cases of necessity, the policy making functions of the governing body of the Council between meetings of the Council
- to exercise any other functions of the Council that Council determines
- to preside at meetings of the Council
- to carry out the civic and ceremonial functions of the Mayoral office.

Section 231 of the Act defines the role of the Deputy Mayor as:

- to 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.

It is recommended that Council formally acknowledge the role of the Mayor (Deputy Mayor).

CONSULTATION

Nil

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FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

This matter has no financial impact on Council's adopted budget or forward estimates.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council acknowledge the role of the Mayor (or in the absence of the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor) to exercise in cases of necessity the policy making functions of the governing body of the Council between meetings of the Council.