

**POST-ELECTION MEETING****16 APRIL 2020****5****LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF QUEENSLAND EXECUTIVE NOMINATION**

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**RECOMMENDATION:****That Council nominates Mayor Manning for election as District Representative on the Local Government Association of Queensland Executive.****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) is a not-for-profit organisation established to serve the States' Regional Councils and Shires. LGAQ is administered by the Association's Policy Executive, which is a group of Mayors and Councillors elected to represent all regions of Queensland and it is their responsibility to determine the Association's policy on behalf of member Councils.

It is recommended that Mayor Manning be nominated for election as District Representative for the Far North District. In the event there are other nominations, the outcome will be determined by a vote of Councils in the Far North District to determine an outcome.

**BACKGROUND:**

To ensure representation of all regions, Queensland is divided into districts and Cairns Regional Council (CRC) is included in the Far North District along with Cassowary Coast Regional Council, Cook Shire Council, Douglas Shire Council, Mareeba Shire Council, Tablelands Regional Council and Torres Shire Council.

All Councils contained within the Far North District are provided an opportunity to nominate an Elected Member of Council within the district for the LGAQ Executive. Nominations close at 5:00pm, Friday 29 April 2016 and ballot papers will be forwarded to Council upon the close of nominations.

In total the Far North District has 18 votes, with the votes distributed between the Councils as follows:

<b>Council</b>	<b>Votes</b>
Cairns Regional Council	6
Cassowary Coast Regional Council	2
Cook Shire Council	2
Douglas Shire Council	2

Mareeba Shire Council	2
Tablelands Regional Council	4
Torres Shire Council	2

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 – please note this will be a two day event – 25 June Policy Executive Induction Day and 26 June Policy Executive Meeting day
4. Early August (1 Day)
5. Early October – please note this will be held before the Annual Conference (1Day)
6. Early December (1 Day)

Special meetings may be called as required and these meetings may also take place by way of telephone hook-up.

In addition to meetings, Executive Members may also be appointed to represent the Association on various boards and committees however consultation with member Councils is undertaken prior to appointment.

**COMMENT:**

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

Whilst Council nominating a Councillor as a candidate for District Representative does not automatically mean that Councillor will be elected, being the largest member Council in the Far North District will enable CRC to fulfil a leadership role within the region.

It is recommended that Mayor Manning be nominated for consideration as District Representative for the Far North District.

**OPTIONS:**

Council has the option to either nominate a Councillor for election to the LGAQ Policy Executive, not nominate a Councillor or nominate a Councillor other than Mayor Manning.

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