

**SPECIAL COUNCILLOR BRIEFING AND WORKSHOP SESSION MEETING NO. 2026(08)****27 APRIL 2026**

REPORT

**COUNCILLORS' ATTENDANCE:**

Mayor Teresa Harding; Councillors Jacob Madsen, Pye Augustine, Deputy Mayor Nicole Jonic, Paul Tully, Marnie Doyle (via audio-link), Andrew Antonioli, David Martin and Jim Madden

**COUNCILLOR'S APOLOGIES:**

Nil

**OFFICERS' ATTENDANCE:**

Chief Executive Officer (Sonia Cooper), General Manager Community, Cultural and Economic Development (Ben Pole), General Manager Corporate Services (Matt Smith), General Manager Environment and Sustainability (Kaye Cavanagh), Executive Services Manager (Wade Wilson) and Chief of Staff – Office of the Mayor (Melissa Fitzgerald)

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA**

Nil

**OFFICERS' REPORTS**

1. **LEGISLATIVE REFORMS TO OFFICIAL SPOKESPERSON - MEDIA AND CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS POLICY**

The amended *Local Government Act 2009* is now in force and has amended the statutory provisions for the official spokesperson for local governments.

This report seeks Council guidance on a revised Media and Corporate Communications Policy to align with and implement the legislative changes.

This is a recommended action advised by the Department of Local Government, Water and Volunteers (DLGW).

"The attachment/s to this report are confidential in accordance with section 254J(3)(e) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*."

**MATTERS ARISING:**

Councillors in attendance noted, discussed and provided feedback on the information presented on the Legislative Reforms to Official Spokesperson – Media and Corporate

Communications Policy and a report will be provided to a Finance and Governance committee for consideration.

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**PROCEDURAL MOTIONS AND FORMAL MATTERS**

The meeting commenced at 9.01 am.

Councillor Jacob Madsen arrived at the meeting at 9.06 am.

Deputy Mayor Nicole Jonic arrived at the meeting at 9.08 am.

Councillor Marnie Doyle left the meeting at 9.45 am.

The meeting closed at 9.56 am.

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