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SECTION 1 - Reports for Determination

Item: 1 **IPC - Election of Chairperson - (79351)**

Division: General Manager

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT:

The purpose of this report is to outline the process for the election of a Chairperson of the Innovation and Partnerships Committee.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

At the Council Meeting on 8 December 2020, Council considered a Motion regarding Council Committees and resolved to establish the following new committees:

Community Services
Environment
Innovation and Partnerships
Disaster and Emergency

At the Council Meeting on 25 January 2021 Council considered a report regarding the new Council Committees and resolved to adopt a Council Committee Constitution (the Constitution). The Constitution requires the Committee, at its first meeting following appointment, and for each twelve (12) period thereafter, to elect one of its members to be the Chairperson.

As this is the first meeting of the Innovation and Partnerships Committee following appointment, the election of a Chairperson is required.

RECOMMENDATION:

That a Chairperson of the Innovation and Partnerships Committee for the period from February 2021 to September 2021, be determined.

BACKGROUND

Clause 5(b) of the Council Committee Constitution adopted by Council on 25 January 2020, is in regard to the election of a Chairperson, and is as follows:

"b) *Membership and voting rights of the Committee shall be as follows:*

Community Services, Environment and Innovation and Partnerships Committees

The Committee shall, at its first meeting following appointment, and each twelve (12) month period thereafter, elect one of its Members from those appointed under Clause 5 to be the Chairperson of the Committee. The Chairperson is responsible for;

- o *The management of the Committee functions and operations, including managing conflicts of interest.*
- o *To ensure the Committee fully discharges its responsibilities under the Act, the Code of Conduct, and the Constitution.*

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- *The good and orderly conduct of the Committee. The Chairperson may do all things necessary to fulfil this responsibility."*

At its Meeting on 25 January 2021 Council resolved as follows:

"That the following Councillors be appointed as Committee Members to the Innovation and Partnerships Committee;

- *Councillor Conolly*
- *Councillor Kotlash*
- *Councillor Richards*
- *Councillor Zamprogno"*

DISCUSSION

This meeting of the Innovation and Partnerships Committee will be its first meeting following appointment of members. In accordance with Clause 5(b) of the Council Committee Constitution, the nomination and appointment of a Chairperson for the next twelve (12) months by Committee members from those appointed is to be carried out at this meeting.

Local Government Elections are scheduled for 4 September 2021, and it is therefore recommended that a Chairperson of the Innovation and Partnerships Committee for the period from February 2021 to September 2021, be determined.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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Item: 2 **IPC - Arrangements for meetings concerning Telecommunications Matter - (79351)**

Division: General Manager

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT:

The purpose of this report is review the arrangements for the holding of a meeting of the Innovation and Partnerships Committee.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

At the Council Meeting on 25 January 2021 Council considered a Notice of Motion concerning telecommunications improvements in the Bilpin area.

Council resolved to hold an initial meeting of the Innovation and Partnerships Committee concerning access to adequate telecommunications, and to report back to Council.

To enable all stakeholders to be able to participate in the meeting, the Committee is required to consider the appropriate arrangements for the holding of the meeting, including the location.

RECOMMENDATION:

That:

1. The Innovation and Partnerships Committee give consideration to where to hold the meeting or meetings to discuss adequate telecommunications access.
 2. The Innovation and Partnerships Committee give consideration to the invitation of all relevant stakeholders to attend the meeting or meetings.
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BACKGROUND

Following consideration of a Notice of Motion concerning Telecommunications improvements in the Bilpin area at its meeting on 25 January 2021, Council resolved as follows:

“That as part of Council’s resilience planning:

1. *Council review the options available to Council to assist our residents that do not have access to adequate telecommunications and hold an initial meeting of the Innovation and Partnerships Committee in the next month and report back to Council within three months.*
2. *The Innovation and Partnerships Committee invite Telstra and the Member for Macquarie, Susan Templeman MP to attend and address the meeting or meetings which will be open to the public.”*

At its meeting on 25 January 2020, Council also considered a report on the review of Council Committees and resolved, in part, to adopt a Council Committee Constitution, subject to amendments made as part of the resolution.

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Part 6 of the Council Committee Constitution includes the following:

- *Meetings of the Committee will generally be held on a Tuesday between 4pm and 6pm, unless otherwise agreed upon by the Committee. Meetings will be held by audio-visual link or in the Council Chambers.*

Members of the public are entitled to attend committee meetings, and may register to speak to items on the meeting agenda. The provisions of the Local Government Act 1993 in relation to Council complying with its obligations to hold open meetings by making available a webcast of the meeting, apply in the same way to committee meetings as to Council meetings.

DISCUSSION

The effect of Council's resolution of 25 January 2020 in relation to the telecommunication improvements, is that the agenda for the first meeting of the Innovation and Partnerships Committee will include the Council reviewing the options available to assist residents who do not have access to adequate telecommunications. Council has been made aware of a particular issue affecting residents in the Bilpin area.

It is proposed that consideration be given to holding the initial meeting of the Committee to discuss this issue at Bilpin, and that it be open generally to members of the community.

It is also proposed that arrangements be made for invitation to the meeting or meetings to be extended to all relevant stakeholders.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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