

ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR



Council Policy – Election of Deputy Mayor

Reference Number	714466
Responsible Business Unit	Office of the CEO
Responsible Officer	Chief Executive Officer
Legislation	Local Government Act 1999
Relevant Delegations	
Related Policies Management Guidelines Frameworks	Elected Member Allowances and Benefits Policy - 714478 Elected Member Behavioural Framework Elected Member Behavioural Management Policy (LGA Model Policy)
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POLICY STATEMENT

The Rural City of Murray Bridge acknowledges that the popularly elected Mayor may be absent from duties from time to time and it is best practice to appoint a Deputy Mayor to act in the role as required.

OBJECTIVES

To ensure a consistent and transparent approach is followed in appointing a Deputy Mayor from Elected Members of the Rural City of Murray Bridge.

SCOPE

This policy applies to the appointment of a Deputy Mayor of the Rural City of Murray Bridge

PROCESS

1. Council has resolved to appoint a Deputy Mayor to act in the role as Mayor when the Mayor is absent from duties.
2. The term of the office for Deputy Mayor will be for one year, with the incumbent eligible to renominate.
3. Nominations for the Deputy Mayor will be sought by show of hands of interested Members.
4. If more than the one person nominates, voting will occur by secret ballot using 'first past the post' method.
5. It is not a conflict of interest for a person nominated to vote for themselves.
6. In the case of a tied vote between 2 candidates with other candidates receiving less votes, a further vote will be called between the tied candidates. Should there be a further tie, the Returning Officer will draw the successful candidate's name out of the hat.
7. The Chief Executive Officer will be appointed as Returning Officer and the Executive Officer as Scrutineer.
8. The appointment will continue until the first meeting in the November of the 2nd year, where a report will be placed on the Council agenda seeking nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor.

IMPLEMENTATION

The Elected Member appointed as Deputy Mayor by the Council will receive the Deputy Mayoral allowance as identified by the SA Remuneration Tribunal and Council's Elected Member Allowances and Benefits