

## COUNCIL POLICY NO 1.6 COUNCIL MEETING STRUCTURES

### **STATEMENT**

The Resource Recovery Group ensures good corporate governance with regard to its Council Meetings, Briefing Sessions and Committee Meetings in accordance with the *Local Government Act* 1995 and supporting Regulations.

### **SCOPE**

This Policy applies to all Regional Council Meetings, Briefing Sessions, Committee and Working Group Meetings held by the RRG.

### **OBJECTIVE**

Framework of the Regional Council's meeting structure, Meetings & Agenda Briefing Sessions - Council & Committee or Working Group Meeting.

#### **ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES**

### Chairperson

The Chairperson or presiding member is responsible for ensuring all meeting procedures are adhered to according to the relevant legislation and regulations.

### **Chief Executive Officer**

The Chief Executive Officer is responsible for ensuring that all meeting procedures are adhered to according to the relevant legislation and regulations, and that Council, Committee or Working Group Members are adequately informed about the correct process and their respective roles within these functions.

### CONTENT

### 1. Ordinary Meetings of Council

Ordinary meetings of the Regional Council are scheduled in advance for each calendar year as approved by the Regional Council. Meetings shall not be more than three months apart pursuant to the LGA 1995 Section 5.3(2).

Where, due to special circumstances, it is impracticable for the Ordinary Regional Council Meeting to be held on its advertised date, it shall be held on some other day determined by the Chairperson.

### 2. Special Council Meetings

The Chairperson (or one third of Council s5.4 LGA) may call a special council meeting to discuss and make decisions on matters as required.

### 3. Electronic Meetings & Attendance

LG (Administration) Regulation 14C(2) provides that a person may only attend an in-person meeting electronically if they have been authorised to do so. Members requesting permission to attend electronically should do so in writing (email is acceptable) to the Chair.

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Members are responsible for forwarding the Chair's approval to RRG administration to obtain an electronic link. At least 24 hours' notice must be given to produce this link.

Council may determine that some meetings will be held only electronically. In doing so the Regional Council will make appropriate public notice of this fact as soon as it is determined.

In attending any meeting electronically, Members must ensure that they hold the appropriate equipment, audio, visual and software, to do so and are able to participate from a suitable environment to effectively engage in deliberations and communications during the meeting.

The member must declare that they can maintain confidentiality in any part of the meeting that may be closed for confidential matters and the declaration be recorded in the minutes. If a Member is subsequently unable to maintain confidentiality they must leave the meeting.

Participating electronically is capped at 50% and Members must ensure they attend at least 50% of meetings in person. Minutes of all Council meetings will record if each attendance is in-person or via electronic means.

Meetings held only electronically form part of the 50% cap and the Regional Council will note this in the minutes of each meeting.

### 4. Information Briefings, Workshops and Forums

The CEO shall have the authority to convene Councillor Information Briefings, Forums or Workshops from time to time to discuss matters that affect the strategic direction of the Regional Council or the financial sustainability of the RRRC Project. The meetings are closed to the public.

### 5. Regional Committee Structures

### 5.1. Standing Committees

The Regional Council has appointed the following Standing Committees of Council:

- 1. Audit & Risk Committee
- 2. CEO Performance & Salary Review Committee

The Regional Council shall ensure that with the establishment of any committee, the following information is resolved:

- a. Committee Membership
- b. Appointment of Members to the Committee
- c. Remuneration of committee members who are not employees or regional councillors
- d. The Objectives and Terms of Reference of the committee
- e. Powers of the committee
- Reporting responsibilities

### 5.2. Occasional Committees

Occasional committees are appointed to consider a specific task, and when the task is completed the committee is automatically disbanded.

#### Appointment of Committees

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The appointments of occasional committees are by majority resolution of the regional council. Delegated Authorities, duration of committee and the names of members shall be recorded in the resolution.

### 6. Regional Working Group Structures

The Regional Council has appointed the following Standing Working Groups:

1. Regional Executive Group

The Regional Council shall ensure that with the establishment of any formal working group, the following information is resolved:

- a. Group Membership
- b. Appointment of Members to the Group
- c. Remuneration of external working group members if required.
- d. The Objectives and Terms of Reference of the working group.
- e. Powers of the working group.
- f. Reporting responsibilities.

### **REFERENCES & REVIEW**

Statutory Compliance	<ul> <li>Local Government Act 1995</li> <li>Local Government (Administration) amendment Regulation</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Standing Orders Policy</li> </ul>		
Organisational			
Compliance			
Next Revision Date	November 2026		
Related Documents	Code of Conduct for Councillors		
Related Documents	<ul> <li>Code of Conduct for Committee/Advisory Group Members</li> </ul>		
Policy Administration	Responsible Officer	Review Cycle	
Corporate	Executive Manager Corporate Services	Biennial	
Risk Rating	Risk Register – High		
	RRG Website – Members Area		
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Location of document	9 Aldous Place, Booragoon – Corporate Services		
	350 Bannister Road, Canning Vale – staff room		

### **DOCUMENT CONTROL REGISTER**

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2020	Review	7	EMCS	CEO	27/11/2020
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