

(ITEM 7/23) LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION 2024 - ADMINISTRATION ARRANGEMENTS

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Summary

The next general local government election is due to occur on 14 September 2024. Council normally engages the services of the NSW Electoral Commission (NSWEC) to administer such elections for Burwood. Council is obliged to make a decision no later than 18 months before the expected conduct of the 2024 election, if consideration is being given to engaging the NSWEC once more. Section 296AA of the *Local Government Act 1993* (the Act) limits the options for the conduct of such elections to the NSWEC or another electoral services provider engaged by the council.

Operational Plan Objective

C.11 Effective, innovative and collaborative leadership is underpinned by open, transparent and accountable governance

13/23 RESOLVED

1. That Burwood Council resolves:
 - a. pursuant to section 296 (2) and (3) of the *Local Government Act 1993* that an election arrangement be entered into by contract for the NSW Electoral Commissioner to administer all elections of Burwood Council
 - b. pursuant to section 296 (2) and (3) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, as applied and modified by section 18, that a council poll arrangement be entered into by contract for the Electoral Commissioner to administer all council polls of the Council
 - c. pursuant to Section 296 (2) and (3) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, as applied and modified by section 18, that a constitutional referendum arrangement be entered into by contract for the Electoral Commissioner to administer all constitutional referenda of the Council
 - d. the General Manager be authorised to execute contract documents for any agreement to be entered into with the NSW Electoral Commissioner for the next ordinary election of councillors and any polls or constitutional referenda that Council may seek to conduct in conjunction with the election.
2. That the General Manager publish this resolution on the Council website as soon as practicable, as required by section 296AA (3) of the *Local Government Act 1993*.
3. That the General Manager notify the NSW Electoral Commissioner and the Deputy Secretary of NSW Crown Lands and Local Government before 13 March 2023 of its election administration intentions for the next ordinary election of councillors.

(Moved Councillor Pascale Esber/Seconded Councillor Heather Crichton)

For: Cr Faker, Cr Mannah, Cr Crichton, Cr Cutcher, Cr Esber, Cr Hull, Cr Robinson

Against: Nil