

Terms of Reference for the Climate Change Adaptation and Environment Committee

1. Objective

The Climate Change Adaptation and Environment Committee is established as a standing committee under section 264 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

The Committee members should:

- Be proactively involved in the portfolio area
- Review and shape Council's policy position of portfolio area
- Develop desktop management system for the portfolio area
- Develop, advocate and lead community engagement process/program with key stakeholders and departments in the portfolio area
- Represent the Mayor/Deputy at conferences/workshops/meetings in the absence of the Mayor/Deputy
- Address Council on strategic matters in relations to the portfolio areas
- Provide cultural advice and assistance

2. Portfolio Area

The Committee's portfolio area covers:

- Torres Strait Climate Change Strategy
- Torres Strait Sea Wall Program/Project
- Torres Strait and North Peninsula Area Biosecurity Plan
- Renewable Energy Productions
- Waste Management
- Land & Sea Management

3. Term

The Climate Change Adaptation and Environment Committee is effective from 1 August 2020 until terminated by Council.

4. Membership

Members shall be:

- The Mayor
- Three Councillors – as nominated by Council

The Council will determine who will be the chair.

Councillor members elected by Council at Council's June 2020 Ordinary Meeting:

- Cr H Mosby - **Chair**
- Cr Tamu
- Cr Dorante

5. Standing Orders and Meeting Procedures

Council's Standing Orders Policy and Meeting Procedures Policy apply to the meetings of the Committee.

Where a member misses two consecutive meetings without formal apology, the member will be removed from the Committee and Council will nominate a replacement at its next ordinary meeting.

6. Meetings

The Committee will meet quarterly unless otherwise scheduled. The Committee will meet monthly unless otherwise scheduled. These meeting will be open to the public unless the Committee resolve to close the meeting under section 275 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

Meeting quorum shall be two members.

Attendance may be via videoconference or teleconference; however, the Reference Group will meet face-to-face wherever possible by aligning meeting times with other Council approved travel e.g. Monthly Council Meetings, Council workshops.

Agenda items and papers must be provided to the Secretariat at least ten (10) working days prior to the meeting date. Late submissions will only be included with the written approval of the Chair.

Agenda items and papers will be distributed via email to members at least five (5) working days prior to the meeting date.

Written minutes are required to be published within ten days of the meeting and endorsed at the following Ordinary meeting.

7. Amendment, Modification or Variation

These Terms of Reference may be amended, varied, or modified in writing with approval from Council.

8. Executive Support

An Executive Officer will be assigned to the Committee to provide support to the committee members and be liaison between the elected members and the administration.

Executive Officer assigned to Committee: Executive Director, Engineering Services.

9. Administrative Support

Secretariat support will be provided by the Secretariat Office.

Terms of Reference endorsed by Council resolution at November 2021 Ordinary Meeting.