

# POLICY

<b>TITLE:</b>	Casting Vote Policy		
<b>DIRECTORATE:</b>	Council		
<b>ADOPTED BY:</b>	Council Resolution: OMC-24/350		
<b>DATE OF ADOPTION:</b>	29 November 2024	<b>DATE OF REVIEW:</b>	29 November 2026
<b>POLICY NUMBER:</b>	107		
<b>LEGISLATIVE REF:</b>	<i>Local Government Act 2019; Section 95 (6) (The Act)</i>		

## 1. INTRODUCTION

### 1.1. Purpose

It is a requirement of the Act that a Policy be passed by Council resolution allow the Chairperson of a Council meeting to cast a second vote (casting vote) on a question arising for decision at a Council meeting in the event of an equality of votes.

## 2. POLICY STATEMENT

### 2.1 Policy

- 1) This Policy may only be established by resolution of the Council passed at the first meeting of the Council to be held after a general election.
- 2) A casting vote is to be exercised by the Chairperson when there are equal votes on a question arising for decision at a Council meeting. During such an occurrence, the casting vote will determine the vote. The Chairperson must exercise the casting vote either in favour or against the motion.
- 3) If there are unequal votes, the Chairperson cannot exercise a casting vote.

## 3. RELEVANT POLICIES

- 1) Code of Conduct (Elected Members)
- 2) Conflict of Interest Policy
- 3) Council Meeting Protocols

## 4. IMPLEMENTATION AND REVIEW

### 4.1. Implementation

It is not a requirement of the Act for this Policy to be published on Council's website.

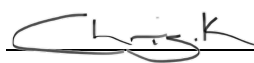
### 4.2. Review

It is a requirement of the Act that this Policy cannot be altered or revoked during the term of the Council; and that it lapses at the conclusion of the next general election.

## 5. APPROVAL

This policy is approved.

Chris Kelly  
Chief Executive Officer

  
Signature

29 Nov 2024  
Dated

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