AGENDA

Meeting of Council
for the Election of the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Appointments to Committees

To be held at the

Civic Centre

511 Burwood Highway

Wantirna South

On

Thursday 19 November 2026 at 7:00 PM

This meeting will be conducted as a hybrid meeting

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Bruce Dobson
Chief Executive Officer

1 Commencement Of Proceedings

Welcome by the Chief Executive Officer, Mr Bruce Dobson

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4 Election Of Mayor

In accordance with Section 26(3) of the Local Government Act 2020, Council will determine whether the Mayor is to be elected for a 1 year or a 2 year term.

The Chief Executive Officer will then conduct the election of the Mayor in accordance with Chapter 2, Part B of the Governance Rules of Knox City Council.

Following the election, there will be an opportunity for the Mayor and Councillors to address the meeting

5 Election Of Deputy Mayor

In accordance with Sections 26(3) and 27 of the Local Government Act 2020, Council will determine whether the Deputy Mayor is to be elected for a 1 year or a 2 year term.

The Mayor will then conduct the election of the Deputy Mayor in accordance with Section 27 of the Local Government Act 2020 and Chapter 2, Part B of the Governance Rules of Knox City Council.

Following the election, there will be an opportunity for the Deputy Mayor, Mayor and Councillors to address the meeting.

6 Appointments to Committees

6.1 Appointments to Committees 2026-2027

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SUMMARY
Each year, Councillors nominate and are appointed to a variety of internal and external committees for the following Mayoral year.

RECOMMENDATION
That Councillors be appointed to the various committees as set out in Attachment 1 to the officers' report, effective from 19 November 2026 and until 18 November 2027 unless or until Council resolves otherwise.

1. DISCUSSION
Council appoints Councillors annually to a variety of internal committees and external appointments. The appointments for consideration are outlined in Attachment 1.

Appointments are made having regard to the relevant terms of reference, rules or agreements governing the committees and groups concerned.

Representation on the various committees enables Councillors to:

- Engage with Committee members to share their Councillor perspective on the various issues before the Committee; and
- Listen to the views expressed by the Committee and share those views with their colleagues, staff and Council; and/or
- Represent the interests of Knox City Council on a range of external committees and groups.

The necessary resolutions for the appointments will be determined at the meeting having regard to nominations for the various appointments.

2. CONFLICT OF INTEREST
The officers contributing to and responsible for this report have no conflicts of interest requiring disclosure under Chapter 5 of the Governance Rules of Knox City Council.

Section 129 of the Local Government Act 2020 provides that a Conflict of Interest does not arise in relation to a decision by a Councillor in certain circumstances; and Regulation 7(1) of the Local Government (Governance and Integrity) Regulations 2020 prescribes the following are relevant circumstances:

- The nomination or appointment by the Council of a Councillor to a position for which the Councillor will not be remunerated.
- The nomination or appointment by the Council of a Councillor to a position in the Municipal Association of Victoria or in another body that has the purpose of representing the interests of Councils.

3. CONFIDENTIALITY

There is no content in this report that meets the definition of confidential information in the Local Government Act 2020.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Attachment 1 - 2026-2027 Commitees List [**6.1.1** - 4 pages]

2026-27 Council Committees

Specific Purpose Committees		
Committee	**No. of Councillor Appointments**	**Purpose**
Audit and Risk Committee	Max 2	In accordance with the Local Government Act to support Council in discharging its oversight and accountability responsibilities related to: • Compliance with Council's policies, procedures and governance principles; • Overarching governance principles; • Effectiveness of Council's system of internal controls, including fraud and corruption prevention; • Council's risk management framework; • Financial and performance reporting; • Internal audit and external audit functions; • Statutory and legislative compliance; and • Liaison between Council, Management and the external and internal auditors.
Transformation Governance Committee	Min: Mayor +1 Max: Mayor+2	Knox City Council is committed to strong governance, transparency, and accountability. As Knox Council embarks on a major Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) transformation, the Transformation Governance Committee (TGC) supports this by advising on governance, risk identification and mitigation, financial management, and outcomes aligned to the strategic goals of Council.
CEO Employment and Remuneration Committee	Min Mayor + 3 for a quorum. No Max	Undertakes confidential bi-annual reviews of the performance of the Chief Executive Officer against pre-determined performance criteria and key performance indicators and assesses the progress towards meeting these criteria, inclusive of making recommendations to Council on the remuneration review.
Knox Community Awards Committee	Max 2	The objectives of the Knox Community Awards Committee are to consider nominations and recommend annual award recipients.

Council Advisory Committees		
Committee	**No. of Appointments**	**Purpose**
Active Ageing Advisory Committee	Max 2	To facilitate stakeholder engagement which supports quality decision making and in turn, the achievements of Council's goals and strategies under the Community and Council Plan
Arts and Culture Committee	Min 2 Max 3	To facilitate stakeholder engagement which supports quality decision making and in turn, the achievements of Council's goals and strategies under the Community and Council Plan. To provide Council with strategic advice on issues relating to the advancement of arts and culture in Knox. It assists in promoting greater awareness and understanding of arts and cultural services in Knox, and the value of arts and culture in supporting community health and wellbeing. The Committee also provides Council with direct insight into the local needs, interests and trends in arts, culture and creative industry development in Knox.
Community Safety, Health and Wellbeing Advisory Committee	Max 2	To support the planning and implementation of evidence based and informed primary and secondary prevention approaches to current and emerging community safety, health and wellbeing issues. To facilitate stakeholder engagement of both the community and organisations, to understand, discuss, plan and implement proposed actions. This Committee will utilise the expertise of its members to support quality decision making to ultimately assist with the improved health, safety and wellbeing of the Knox community as the desired outcome.
Disability Advisory Committee	Min 1 Max 2	To promote disability awareness within Council and the wider community and assist Council in the development of policy and planning about issues of access and inclusion.
Early Years Advisory Committee	Min 1 Max 2	The function of this Advisory Committee is to facilitate stakeholder engagement which supports Council's quality decision making and in turn, the achievements of Council's goals and strategies under the Community and Council Plan. The purpose of the Early Years Advisory Committee (EYAC) is to provide advice and advocate to Council on matters impacting families and children and the related services within the Knox community.

Council Advisory Committees		
Committee	**No. of Appointments**	**Purpose**
Environment Advisory Committee	Min 1 Max 2 Desirable No Max	To facilitate stakeholder engagement which supports quality decision making and in turn, the achievements of Council's goals and strategies under the Community and Council Plan. To inform and advise Council on environmental and sustainability related issues and Council's role in improving the natural and built environment.
Multicultural Advisory Committee	Max 2	To provide Council with advice on multicultural issues and the promotion of greater awareness and understanding in the local community of cultural diversity in Knox. To facilitate stakeholder engagement which supports quality decision making and in turn, achievement of Council's goals and strategies within the Community and Council Plan 2017-2021.
Recreation and Leisure Committee	Min 1 Desirable 2 Max 3	To facilitate stakeholder engagement which supports quality decision making and in turn, the achievements of Council's goals and strategies under the Community and Council Plan. To assist Council with its community engagement process and provide valuable information to support the decision making of Council. To support Council's commitment to engage with its community and to acknowledge the critical role recreation, sport and leisure plays in the wellbeing of our community.
Youth Advisory Committee	Max 2	To facilitate stakeholder engagement which supports quality decision making and in turn, the achievements of Council's goals and strategies under the Community and Council Plan. To assist Council with its community engagement processes and provide valuable information to support the decision making of Council. The establishment of the YAC supports Council's commitment to engage with its community on issues that affect the lives and wellbeing of its young people

External Committees		
Committee	**No. of Appointments**	**Purpose**
Eastern Affordable Housing Alliance	Max 1 + sub	To represent the affordable housing needs and priorities of the region and advocate for improvements in housing affordability that have region-wide benefits.
Eastern Alliance for Greenhouse Action	Max 1 + sub	A collaboration of eight Councils in Melbourne's east working together on regional programs that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and facilitate regional adaptation.
Eastern Region Group of Councils	Mayor + 1 Councillor for 2 year term until end of Council term	To influence policy matters on a range of issues including planning, service funding, transport, infrastructure, affordable housing and climate change.
Eastern Transport Coalition	Max 1 + sub	Advocates for sustainable and integrated transport services in the eastern region of Melbourne, with a focus on community travel needs and lessening car dependency.
Municipal Association of Victoria	Max 1 + sub	This is a Victoria-wide group which is the peak association representing Victorian Councils.
Knox Local Safety Committee	Max 2	The Local Safety Committee provides Victoria Police the opportunity to work closely with local government (Knox Council) and key community stakeholders, to address identified safety concerns, communicate outcomes and actions taken, refining and improving how local government and policing services are delivered to the community.
Your Library	Min 2 Appointment Term is 2 years	Your Library Limited is a not-for-profit company, limited by guarantee, and a registered charity
Green Wedge Councils Planning Alliance	1	Raise, share and discuss planning issues affecting Green Wedges, including issues affecting councils administering planning schemes in these areas (covering both statutory and strategic planning issues). Identify and work on any joint advocacy opportunities, including regarding implementation of the State Government's Planning for Melbourne's Green Wedges and Agricultural Land Action Plan 2024 to help protect Melbourne's Green Wedges.