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# 1 Purpose

The purpose of the Advisory Committee is to provide advice to Council on the conservation and management of Lydham Hall building and grounds in accordance with Council's Community Strategic Plan and Conservation Management Plan for the site as well as the terms and conditions of the Licence Agreement with St George Historical Society.

These terms of reference outline the Committee's function, structure, authority and reporting requirements.

# 2 Interpretation

For the purpose of this document:

*Member* means a member of the Committee.

*Committee* means Lydham Hall Advisory Committee.

*Council* means Bayside Council.

*Chairperson / Chair* means the chairperson of the Committee or Sub-Committee.

*Elected members* means the elected Councillors of Bayside Council.

*LHAC* means Lydham Hall Advisory Committee.

*SGHS* means St George Historical Society.

# 3 Status of Committee

The Committee operates as an 'advisory committee' of Council, as defined in Council's Code of Meeting Practice.

# 4 Delegations

Bayside Advisory Committees may make recommendations to Council on all matters before it. These recommendations are submitted via the minutes of each meeting to Council for consideration.

Substantial recommendations (including any requiring the expenditure of Council funds) are accompanied by a separate report to Council from the appropriate Council officer.

The Committee's recommendations, which are determined by the General Manager to be purely or substantially 'operational' in nature, will be dealt with by the relevant Director and any action or lack thereof reported to the Committee.

Advisory Committees do not have the power to incur Council expenditure, nor do they have the power to bind Council.

## 5 Key issues

The Committee considers key issues such as the following:

- Support the long-term vision and aspirations of the Council's Community Strategic Plan.
- Advise and assist with the implementation of the Lydham Hall Conservation Management Plan
- Monitor, review, and report to Council on the Lydham Hall
- Set out and monitor the objectives and performance criteria/obligations in the Licence Agreement
- Assist with business planning process and advise and recommend to Council for consideration budget allocations for capital and ongoing maintenance works and setting fees and charges for access to the premises.

## 6 Membership

### 6.1 Overview

The Committee may comprise Councillors, Council staff, local community representatives, local industry and / environmental body representatives and government agency representatives – it is supported by Council officers.

### 6.2 Elected members of Council

Council appoints up to four (4) Councillors to be members of the Committee.

All other Councillors are welcome to attend meetings of the Committee as observers and contribute to discussions but are not entitled to vote.

If no Councillors are appointed as members, the General Manager or nominee represents the elected members.

Elected members (or their representative) are entitled to vote.

### 6.3 Council staff representatives

The General Manager may appoint Council staff in different disciplines as members of the Committee.

Appointed Council staff members provide a mix of specialist professional advice in engineering, strategic planning, development assessment and environmental management.

Appointed Council staff representatives do not have voting rights.

## **6.4 St George Historical Society representatives**

The General Manager (or nominee) invites the St George Historical Society to nominate three (3) representatives plus one (1) alternate to be members of the Committee.

St George Historical Society representative nominations and terms are managed internally by the St George Historical Society.

St George Historical Society representatives would provide advice and have voting rights.

## **6.6 Chair and Deputy Chair**

The Chair of the Committee is one of the elected members (or their representative).

In the absence of the nominated Chair at a particular meeting, the meeting elects a Chair of the meeting.

## **6.7 Term of office**

Elected members (or their representative) of the Committee members are appointed for a period coinciding with a Mayoral term.

A member continues as a member of the Committee until the next ordinary election of the Mayor, or the next general election of Council, or until the Committee is disbanded or completes its purpose in accordance with these Terms of Reference, if such event occurs before the next general local government election.

Other members continue until the Committee is disbanded or completes its purpose in accordance with these Terms of Reference. St George Historical Society representative nominations and terms are managed internally by the St George Historical Society.

Any casual vacancy in elected members is filled by Council appointment. Any other casual vacancy is filled by the General Manager.

# **7 Other attendance**

## **7.1 Elected members**

Apart from the appointed Councillor members, all other Councillors are welcome to attend meetings of the Committee as observers and may contribute but are not entitled to vote.

## **7.2 Specialists**

The Chairperson and/or the General Manager may invite community representatives, consultants and/or technical specialists to specific meetings of the Committee in order to assist the Committee in the consideration of matters before it.

Invited specialists do not have voting rights.

Such community representatives attend at the invitation of the Chairperson, are not entitled to vote, and may be requested to leave the meeting if confidential matters are before the Committee.

### **7.3 Council staff**

Additional staff may be invited to attend meetings but do not have voting rights.

### **7.4 General public**

The Committee meetings are not open to the public.

## **8 Support**

### **8.2 Specialist support**

Council provides specialist advice and information in the areas of interest of the Committee. Such information includes:

- Proposed strategic issues for consideration by the Committee.
- Background research on issues relevant to the Committee.
- Reports on issues to be considered in Committee meetings.

### **8.3 Administrative support**

Council provides administrative support as determined by the General Manager to assist the Committee in their deliberations. Such support includes:

- Preparing and publishing notices of meeting, agendas and minutes.
- Liaising with Council officers of any reports and actions required.
- Arranging meeting venues and refreshments.

## **9 Meeting practices and procedures**

### **9.1 Meeting schedule**

The location, date and time for meetings may be decided by the Chair in consultation with the General Manager or nominee with the aim to have four (4) meetings per annum.

### **9.2 Quorum**

The quorum for a meeting of the Committee is four (4) members of which two (2) need to be Elected Representatives of Council. If a quorum is not present within 30 minutes of the scheduled commencement time, the meeting lapses.

### **9.3 Voting**

In general, it is expected that the Committee will develop recommendations by consensus. If however, a voting is required, the Chair has a casting vote.

## **9.4 Proceedings**

The administrative provisions of Council's Code of Meeting Practice apply, in addition to any higher standard imposed by these Terms of Reference.

The General Manager arranges for the Notice of Meeting, along with the business paper to be issued to members in accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice.

The proceedings of each meeting are recorded in minutes of the meeting, including those present, apologies, conflict of interests, and recommendations on matters before the Committee.

General business matters may be raised by members at any meeting without notice, however if it is a substantial issue, a report is to be prepared and included on the agenda at a future meeting.

The minutes of each meeting are submitted to the next available Council Meeting with a view to the Committee's recommendations being considered.

## **10 Code of Conduct**

### **10.1 General**

All members of the Committee are required to observe the provisions of the Bayside Council's Code of Conduct and any other policy or requirement applicable to the proper functioning of the Committee.

A breach of the Code of Conduct may lead to the member being expelled from the Committee.

### **10.2 Confidentiality and privacy**

Committee members may come in contact with confidential or personal information retained by Council. If so, members are required to maintain the security of any confidential or personal information and not access, use or remove any information, unless the member is authorised to do so.

Should a member become aware of any breach of the security, or misuses of Council's confidential or personal information please contact the Public Officer.

All members of Council Committees are required to observe the provisions of the Bayside Council Privacy Management Policy relating to their access to personal information.

### **10.3 Media protocol**

Members are not to speak to the media in their capacity as a member of the Committee.



## 11 Administrative Procedures

The appropriate Council manager may approve administrative procedures that support these Terms of Reference. The procedures may address such issues as:

- Agendas, reports, and minutes arrangements
- Council officer responsibilities.

## 12 Document control

### 12.1 Review

These Terms of Reference are reviewed at least at the commencement of each term of Council.

Apart from any inconsequential editing, substantial amendments to these Terms of Reference are approved by the Council.

### 12.2 Version history

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1.0	23 August 2023	Amanda Rutherford	New document