

7.3 DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE – APPOINTMENT OF NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Responsible Committee: Disability Advisory Committee

RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorses the appointment of the following six (6) people to the Disability Advisory Committee, each for a two (2) year term:

- *Wanda Egerton*
- *Smrity Bagga*
- *Leanne Grosvenor*
- *Zoe Broomhead*
- *Ian Cunningham*
- *Di Gow*

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this report is to recommend the appointment of six (6) new members to the Disability Advisory Committee (DAC).

BACKGROUND

The role of the DAC is to act in an advisory capacity to Council on issues relating to the needs of people with disability, their carers and families and on the implementation of Council's *A Healthy & Resilient Monash: Integrated Plan 2017-2021*. The Committee comprises of sixteen (16) members appointed by Council including up to two (2) Councillors. The DAC currently has thirteen (13) vacancies.

DISCUSSION

Due to the thirteen (13) vacancies on the DAC, Council invited nominations from people living or working in the City of Monash who are:

- Living with a disability
- Carers or family members of a person living with a disability
- Persons interested in and able to represent the views of other Monash residents living with a disability
- Those who are representing a community agency servicing people with a disability within Monash

Council received a total of six (6) nominations to join the committee. A group interview was held on Thursday 7 June, chaired by Cr Josh Fergeus with support from Officers. Following the interview, the following Six (6) applicants were considered suitable for membership of the Committee:

- Wanda Egerton
- Smrity Bagga
- Leanne Grosvenor
- Zoe Broomhead
- Ian Cunningham
- Di Gow

All recommended applicants meet the membership criteria set out in the Committee's Terms of Reference and offer a broad range of skills, experiences and educational qualifications to that of the existing members.

These new members, in addition to the two (2) current members and Cr Fergeus, will bring this committee up to quorum, so therefore the committee is able to function despite there still being seven (7) vacancies. Officers and the new committee will work together over the coming months to identify potential nominees who would be considered suitable to join the DAC. The same nomination and interview process will be undertaken for all remaining positions to be filled.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

This report is in line with Council's *A Healthy & Resilient Monash: Integrated Plan 2017-2021*

SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The contribution that community members make through their participation on the DAC enhances Council's work in the area of access and inclusion for people with disability, their families and carers and ultimately facilitates opportunities for good advocacy, policy development and service provision for their benefit and the community at large.

HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS

This report is in line with the Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006 and in particular with the following rights: freedom of expression; and taking part in public life;

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications resulting from this recommendation.

CONCLUSION

This report recommends the appointment of the following six (6) people to the Disability Advisory Committee, each for a two (2) year term:

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