

7.2 DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE – APPOINTMENT OF NEW MEMBERS (BW:KJ)

Responsible Committee: Disability Advisory Committee

RECOMMENDATION

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

- *Michael Embury*
- *Caterina Kasiaras*

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this report is to recommend the appointment of Two (2) 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 six (6) vacancies.

DISCUSSION

Earlier last year 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

At its June 2018 meeting, Council received six (6) nominations to join the DAC and appointed six (6) new members to the committee. Two (2) additional nominations have been received to join the DAC. These two (2) applicants were considered suitable for membership of the Committee and have attended meetings as interested guests:

- *Michael Embury*
- *Caterina Kasiaras*

These 2 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 eight (8) current members and Cr McCluskey and Cr Paterson, will bring this committee up to twelve members (12) reducing the vacancies to four (4) vacancies. Officers and the current committee

will work together over the coming months to identify potential nominees who would be considered suitable to join the DAC.

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 two (2) people to the Disability Advisory Committee, each for a two (2) year term:

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- *Caterina Kasiaras*