

**8.3 OUTCOME OF ADVERTISING NEW TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT OR APPOINTMENT OF CEO POLICY**

- Attachments:**
1. **Temporary Employment or Appointment of CEO Policy**
  2. **WALGA Template Policy - Temporary Employment or Appointment of CEO**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**That Council ADOPTS BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY the new Temporary Employment or Appointment of CEO Policy at Attachment 1.**

**PURPOSE OF REPORT:**

To present the outcome of community consultation and seek approval of the proposed a new Temporary Employment or Appointment of CEO Policy at **Attachment 1**.

**BACKGROUND:**

In July 2019 the *Local Government Act 1995* (Act) was amended to include a requirement for local governments to adopt a policy (by absolute majority) for the temporary employment or appointment of a Chief Executive Officer (CEO).

The policy must address the employment of a person, and the appointment of an employee, in the position of CEO for a period not exceeding 1 year.

At its 8 February 2022 meeting, Council approved conducting community consultation of its intention to adopt the Temporary Employment or Appointment of CEO Policy.

In accordance with the City's Community and Stakeholder Engagement Policy, community consultation was undertaken between 24 February 2022 and 28 March 2022, which is in excess of the 21 days required. The policy was advertised on the City of Vincent website, social media and through the following public notices:

- Vincent Reporter – 24 February 2022;
- Perth Voice – 26 February 2022; and
- notice exhibited on the notice board at the City's Administration and Library and Local History Centre.

No public submissions were received.

**DETAILS:**

The Policy is based on the template policy provided by the Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA), included at **Attachment 2**, with minor amendments to reflect the City's existing practice and a proposed amendment to the condition of Councils delegation 2.2.1.

Council delegation 2.2.1 delegates authority to the CEO to appoint an acting CEO under s5.36(1)(a) of the Act subject to the following conditions:

- the employee being designated a "Senior Employee", as prescribed by the Act;
- appointments being no longer than 30 days;
- Council Members to be advised of acting CEO; and
- the acting role to be rotated between the Executive Directors of the City where practicable.

The Policy will permit the CEO to appoint an acting CEO for planned and unplanned leave for a period of up to 6 weeks. The conditions of Council delegation 2.2.1 limit such appointments to being no longer than 30 days. Administration has recommended an amendment to this condition as part of its annual review of Council delegations included in this agenda. This will enable contingency arrangements to be made in the event of unforeseen absence and will align with industry standard.

The Policy fulfils the requirements of section 5.39C of the Act and aligns with remaining conditions of Council's delegation related to the appointment of an Acting CEO. The Policy also sets out arrangements for the unlikely event that the CEO is unavailable or unable to make the decision to appoint an Acting CEO.

**CONSULTATION/ADVERTISING:**

No further consultation is required.

**LEGAL/POLICY:**

Section 5.39C of the Act requires local governments to adopt a policy (by absolute majority) relating to:

- employment of a person in the position of CEO for a term not exceeding 1 year; and
- appointment of an employee to Act in the position of CEO for a term not exceeding 1 year.

Section 2.7(2)(b) of the Act provides Council with the power to determine policies.

The City's Policy Development and Review Policy sets out the process for repealing and adopting policies.

**RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

Low: Adopting the proposed policy is low risk.

**STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:**

This is in keeping with the City's *Strategic Community Plan 2018-2028*:

Innovative and Accountable

*We are open and accountable to an engaged community.*

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS:**

This does not contribute to any specific sustainability outcomes of the *City's Sustainable Environment Strategy 2019-2024*.

**PUBLIC HEALTH IMPLICATIONS:**

This does not contribute to any public health outcomes in the *City's Public Health Plan 2020-2025*.

**FINANCIAL/BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil.

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<b>Legislation / local law requirements</b>	<i>Local Government Act 1995</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• s5.39 Contracts for CEO and senior employee's;</li> <li>• s5.39C Policy for temporary employment or appointment of CEO</li> <li>• s5.40 Principles affecting employment by local governments.</li> </ul>
<b>Relevant delegations</b>	Delegation 2.2.1 - Appointment of an Acting CEO
<b>Related policies, procedures and supporting documentation</b>	<a href="#">Organisational Structure and Designation of "Senior Employees" Policy</a>

## PRELIMINARY

### INTRODUCTION

Pursuant to section 5.36 of the *Local Government Act 1995* (Act), it is a requirement that Council employ a person to be Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to enable the functions of the Local Government and the functions of Council to be performed. jj

The manner of the recruitment is prescribed in the Act and the *Local Government (Administration) Regulations Act 1996*.

Section 5.39C of the *Local Government Legislation Amendment Act 2019* was inserted into the Act and informs the requirements for this policy.

### PURPOSE

To set out the process in relation to the appointment of Senior Employees (Executive Directors) to act in the position of CEO for a term not exceeding one year.

### OBJECTIVE

To establish policy, in accordance with section 5.39C of the Act, that details the City of Vincent's processes for appointing an Acting or Temporary CEO for periods of less than 12 months of planned or unplanned leave or an interim vacancy in the substantive office.

### SCOPE

This policy applies to the statutory position of CEO of the City of Vincent.

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## POLICY PROVISIONS

### DEFINITIONS

**Acting CEO** means a person employed or appointed to fulfil the statutory position of CEO during a period where the substantive CEO remains employed but is on planned or unplanned leave.

**Temporary CEO** means a person employed or appointed to fulfil the statutory position of CEO for the period between the end of the substantive CEO's employment and the appointment and commencement of a newly appointed substantive CEO.

**Senior Employee** means a person appointed to the position of Executive Director

### POLICY

#### 1. Appoint Acting CEO – Planned and unplanned leave for periods up to 6 weeks

- 1.1 Consistent with Council Delegation 2.2.1 – Appointment of an Acting CEO, the CEO is authorised to appoint an Acting CEO, subject to the following conditions:
  - the Employee being designated a "Senior Employee", as prescribed by the LGA and determined by Councils [Organisational Structure and Designation of "Senior Employees"](#) policy;
  - appointments being no longer than 6 weeks;
  - Council Members to be advised of Acting CEO; and
  - the acting role to be rotated between the Executive Directors of the City where practicable or an external sector Senior Employee through a secondment arrangement.
- 1.2 The CEO must appoint an Acting CEO for any leave periods greater than 48 hours and less than 6 weeks.
- 1.3 If the CEO is unavailable or unable to make the decision to appoint an Acting CEO the Executive Manager Corporate Strategy and Governance will appoint an Acting CEO in accordance with 1.1. above.
- 1.4 Council may, by resolution, extend an Acting CEO period under subclause (1.3) beyond 6 weeks if the substantive CEO remains unavailable or unable to perform their functions and duties.

#### 2. Appoint Acting CEO for extended leave periods greater than 6 weeks but less than 12 months.

- 2.1 This clause applies to the following periods of extended leave:
  - substantive CEO's extended planned leave which may include accumulated annual leave, long service leave or personal leave; and
  - substantive CEO's extended unplanned leave which may include any disruption to the substantive CEO's ability to continuously perform their functions and duties.



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- 2.2 The Council will, by resolution, appoint an Acting CEO for periods greater than 6 weeks but less than 12 months, as follows:
    - a. Appoint one Senior Employee, or multiple Senior Employees for separate defined periods, as Acting CEO to ensure the CEO position is filled continuously for the period of extended leave; or
    - b. Conduct an external recruitment process in accordance with clause 3.1(c).
  - 2.3 The Mayor will liaise with the CEO, or in their unplanned absence the Executive Manager Corporate Strategy and Governance to coordinate Council reports and resolutions necessary to facilitate an Acting CEO appointment.
  - 2.4 Subject to Council's resolution, the Mayor will execute in writing the Acting CEO appointment with administrative assistance from the Executive Manager Corporate Strategy and Governance.
- 3. Appoint Temporary CEO – Substantive Vacancy**
- 3.1 In the event that the substantive CEO's employment with the City of Vincent is ending, the Council when determining to appoint a Temporary CEO may either:
    - a. by resolution, appoint a Senior Employee as the Temporary CEO for the period of time until the substantive CEO has been recruited and commences their employment with the City; or
    - b. by resolution, appoint a Senior Employee as the interim Temporary CEO for the period of time until an external recruitment process for a Temporary CEO can be completed; or
    - c. following an external recruitment or secondment process in accordance with the principles of merit and equity prescribed in section 5.40 of the LGA, appoint a Temporary CEO for the period of time until the substantive CEO has been recruited and commences employment with the City.
  - 3.2 The Mayor will liaise with the Executive Manager Corporate Strategy and Governance to coordinate Council reports and resolutions necessary to facilitate a Temporary CEO appointment.
  - 3.3 The Mayor is authorised to execute in writing the appointment of a Temporary CEO in accordance with Council's resolution/s, with administrative assistance from the Executive Manager Corporate Strategy and Governance.
- 4. Remuneration and conditions of Acting / Temporary CEO arrangements**
- 4.1 The CEO will determine the remuneration and benefits when appointing an employee as Acting CEO.
  - 4.2 Where an appointment is made in accordance with clause 1.3 above the Executive Manager Corporate Strategy and Governance will determine the remuneration and benefits when

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appointing an employee as Acting CEO. Determination will have due regard to the remuneration and benefits applied formerly.

- 4.3 Council will determine by resolution, the remuneration and benefits to be offered to a Temporary CEO when entering into a contract in accordance with the requirements of Sections 5.39(1) and (2)(a) of the Act.
- 4.4 Acting and temporary CEOs will be delegated the powers and be able to discharge the duties of the CEO, subject to any limitations imposed by the CEO or Council through an appointment under this policy.

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# WALGA Template Policy

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### **WALGA Note:**

This template policy addresses the requirements of section 5.39C of the *Local Government Act 1995* that require a Local Government to adopt, by absolute majority, a policy that sets out the process to be followed in relation to:

- Employment of a person in the position of CEO for a term not exceeding 1 year;
- Appointment of an employee to act in the position of CEO for a term not exceeding 1 year.

WALGA provides this template policy as a guide for Local Governments to consider when developing or amending a Policy. This template policy provides suggested wording only and Local Governments should consider, develop and implement policy suitable to their operational requirements.

***Remember:*** Policy implementation is given effect through appropriate induction, ongoing training and operational procedures that evidence Council Members and Employees have been made aware of and are accountable for their obligations and responsibilities.

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Template Council Policy:

## Temporary Employment or Appointment of CEO

### Policy Objective

To establish policy, in accordance with Section 5.39C of the *Local Government Act 1995* ('the Act'), that details the [insert LG name]'s processes for appointing an Acting or Temporary Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for periods of less than 12 months of planned or unplanned leave or an interim vacancy in the substantive office.

### Policy Scope

This policy applies to the statutory position of Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the [insert LG name].

### Policy Statement

#### 1. Definitions:

- (1) **Acting CEO** means a person employed or appointed to fulfil the statutory position of CEO during a period where the substantive CEO remains employed, but is on planned or unplanned leave.
- (2) **Temporary CEO** means a person employed or appointed to fulfil the statutory position of CEO for the period of time between the end of the substantive CEO's employment and the appointment and commencement of a newly appointed substantive CEO.

*WALGA Note: {Delete before publication} CEO's are entitled to leave conditions specified in their employment contract. Approval of CEO leave entitlements is at the written discretion of the President / Mayor and approval should not be unreasonably withheld.*

#### 2. Acting and Temporary CEO Requirements and Qualification

- (1) When the CEO is on planned or unplanned leave, or the CEO's employment with the Local Government has ended, an Acting or Temporary CEO is to be appointed in accordance with this Policy to fulfil the functions of CEO as detailed in Section 5.41 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, and other duties as set out in the Act and associated Regulations.
- (2) Through this policy and in accordance with section 5.36(2)(a) of the Act, the Council determines that employees appointed to the substantive position(s) of [insert Position title]/s are considered suitably qualified to perform the role of Acting or Temporary CEO.



- (3) A person appointed to act in the position of [insert Position title]/s is not included in the determination set out in Clause 3 (2).

### **3. Appoint Acting CEO – Planned and unplanned leave for periods up to 6 weeks**

- (1) The CEO is authorised to appoint the [insert Position title]/s in writing as Acting CEO, where the CEO is on planned or unplanned leave for periods not exceeding 6 weeks, subject to the CEO's consideration of the [insert Position title]/s performance, availability, operational requirements and where appropriate, the equitable access to the professional development opportunity.
- (2) The CEO must appoint an Acting CEO for any leave periods greater than 48 hours and less than 6 weeks.
- (3) The CEO is to immediately advise all Council Members when and for what period of time the [insert Position title] is appointed as Acting CEO.
- (4) If the CEO is unavailable or unable to make the decision to appoint an Acting CEO in accordance with (2), then the following line of succession shall apply:
- a. The [insert Position title (1)] will be appointed as Acting CEO; or
  - b. If the [insert Position title (1)] is unable to act, the [insert Position title (2)] will be appointed as Acting CEO; or
  - c. If the [insert Position title (2)] is unable to act, the [insert Position title (3)] will be appointed as Acting CEO.
- (5) Council may, by resolution, extend an Acting CEO period under subclause (4) beyond 6 weeks if the substantive CEO remains unavailable or unable to perform their functions and duties.

### **4. Appoint Acting CEO for extended leave periods greater than 6 weeks but less than 12 months.**

- (1) This clause applies to the following periods of extended leave:
- Substantive CEO's Extended Planned Leave which may include accumulated annual leave, long service leave or personal leave; and
  - Substantive CEO's Extended Unplanned Leave which may include any disruption to the substantive CEO's ability to continuously perform their functions and duties.
- (2) The Council will, by resolution, appoint an Acting CEO for periods greater than 6 weeks but less than 12 months, as follows:

- a. Appoint one employee, or multiple employees for separate defined periods, as Acting CEO to ensure the CEO position is filled continuously for the period of extended leave; or
  - b. Conduct an external recruitment process in accordance with clause 5(1)(c)(iii).
- (3) The [President / Mayor] will liaise with the CEO, or in their unplanned absence the [insert Position title] to coordinate Council reports and resolutions necessary to facilitate an Acting CEO appointment.
- (4) Subject to Council's resolution, the [President / Mayor] will execute in writing the Acting CEO appointment with administrative assistance from the [insert Position title].

#### **5. Appoint Temporary CEO – Substantive Vacancy**

- (1) In the event that the substantive CEO's employment with the [insert LG name] is ending, the Council when determining to appoint a Temporary CEO may either:
  - a. by resolution, appoint [insert Position title]/s as the Temporary CEO for the period of time until the substantive CEO has been recruited and commences their employment with the Local Government; or
  - b. by resolution, appoint [insert Position title] as the interim Temporary CEO for the period of time until an external recruitment process for a Temporary CEO can be completed; or
  - c. following an external recruitment process in accordance with the principles of merit and equity prescribed in section 5.40 of the Act, appoint a Temporary CEO for the period of time until the substantive CEO has been recruited and commences employment with the Local Government.
- (2) The [President / Mayor] will liaise with the [insert Position title] to coordinate Council reports and resolutions necessary to facilitate a Temporary CEO appointment.
- (3) The [President / Mayor] is authorised to execute in writing the appointment of a Temporary CEO in accordance with Councils resolution/s, with administrative assistance from the [insert Position title].

#### **6. Remuneration and conditions of Acting or Temporary CEO**

- (1) Unless Council otherwise resolves, an employee appointed as Acting CEO shall be remunerated at [ $<$   $>$ %] of the cash component only of the substantive CEO's total reward package.
- (2) Council will determine by resolution, the remuneration and benefits to be offered to a Temporary CEO when entering into a contract in accordance with the requirements of Sections 5.39(1) and (2)(a) of the Act.

- (3) Subject to relevant advice, the Council retains the right to terminate or change, by resolution, any Acting or Temporary CEO appointment.

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