

POLICY NO: 4.2.9

COUNCIL MEMBERS – PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

OBJECTIVES

To provide guidance concerning the professional development of Council Members.

POLICY STATEMENT

The Council acknowledges its commitment to the training and development of Council Members to assist the fulfilment of duties and responsibilities of public office and in the interests of effective representation.

Council Members are encouraged to continually improve their knowledge and expertise to enhance the quality of representation and promote well informed decision making. This can be achieved by participating in conferences, programs and training courses specifically designed for professional development relating to their role and responsibilities in local government. Such professional development programs are those developed by industry-recognised providers and run locally. Access and participation in the identified professional development courses and programs is made available for all Council Members.

An annual budget allocation is provided for this purpose. Any approval for conference, seminar or training programme attendance is always subject to budgetary funds being available.

The following annual conferences are identified as relating to Council Members of the City:

- WALGA Council Member Development Program; and
- WA Local Government Week.

Requests for course participation or conference attendance may be initiated by the Council Member and should be forwarded to the Chief Executive Officer in a reasonable time prior to enrolment or registration.

The Chief Executive Officer is authorised to approve (in accordance with the Council's Conference Policy) requests from Council Members for professional development, training and intra-state conference attendance without referral to Council providing the course or conference is organised by an identified, industry-recognised training provider.

The Chief Executive Officer shall maintain a Register of courses/conferences attended by Council Members.

This Policy should be read in conjunction with the Council's Conference Policy.

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