

Policy Statement:

To determine the expenses and arrangements for Councillors attending Overseas, Interstate or Intrastate Conferences.

Policy Procedure:

1. Conference attendance, including any dinners and functions that form part of the conference program, will be pre-purchased by the MRC.
2. Economy Class airfares and accommodation will be provided and pre-purchased by the MRC.
3. A cash advance of \$100 per day (from the period of one day prior to the commencement of the conference and up to the final day of the conference or any tours organised as part of the conference) will be available to Councillors on request and issued prior to the conference. All expenses incurred will be remitted to the Manager Finance (including receipts) and any unspent cash advance will be returned to the MRC. The remittance will be reviewed by the Manager Finance and any expenditure over and above the cash advance will be reimbursed at their discretion.
4. Where a Councillor elects not to make use of the cash advance detailed under (3), they can submit their receipts to the Manager Finance for review and reimbursement at their discretion.
5. Taxi Vouchers will be provided for Overseas/Interstate Conferences to cover travel to and from the airport, conference venue and hotel accommodation.
6. The Chief Executive Officer will review the program of conferences being attended by employees and if it is considered that the program offers benefits to the Councillors in their role then a report will be presented to Council inviting one or more Councillors to attend the conference.
7. All Councillors will be provided the opportunity to attend a relevant waste conference annually.

Notes:

1. Any variation to the above procedures will require approval of the Chief Executive Officer.
2. Conference attendance will be subject to the availability of funds in the Budget or by approval of Council.

Legislation	Local Government Act 1995 s.5.99A Local Government (Admin) regulations 1996 34AB
Responsible Officer	Chief Executive Officer
Council Meeting Date	29 September 2022
Review History	20/04/2000, 27/10/2005, 22/04/2010, 02/05/2013, 04/09/2014, 20/08/2015, 01/09/2016; 14/08/2018, 13/08/2019, 18/06/2020, 12/08/2021, 19/08/2022
Next Review Date	01/08/2023
Delegation to the Chief Executive Officer	Nil
Review History	12/08/2021 – rate increase item 3 and change to relevant conference item 7.

	19/08/2022 – reference to Director Corporate Services changed to Finance Manager Title change
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