

National General Assembly of Local Government 2023

Tuesday, 28 March 2023
Council

Strategic Alignment - Enabling Priorities

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) has called for motions for consideration at its National General Assembly (NGA).

Council approval is sought to appoint a Council representative (and proxy) as a voting delegate for the NGA.

The NGA of the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) will be held in Canberra from 13-16 June 2023. The theme is 'Our Communities Our Future'.

By participating in the NGA the Council can contribute to the national debate on matters that require Federal intervention or support that will directly advance Council's Strategic Plan objectives.

Voting on motions by Council's representative will be in-line with any endorsed position of Council. The voting delegate will be briefed on City of Adelaide policy and decision positions relevant to each voting item on the ALGA NGA Agenda.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT COUNCIL

1. Appoints _____ to represent Council as a voting delegate at the 2023 National General Assembly of Local Government to be held in Canberra from 13 - 16 June 2023.
2. Appoints _____ as proxy.
3. Approves the delegate to attend as a virtual delegate.

OR

Approves the delegate to travel to attend in person.

IMPLICATIONS AND FINANCIALS

City of Adelaide 2020-2024 Strategic Plan	Strategic Alignment – Enabling Priorities Bold leadership and strategic partnerships to meet challenges and take up new opportunities.
Policy	The voting delegate will be briefed on City of Adelaide policy and decision positions relevant to each voting item on the ALGA NGA Agenda.
Consultation	Council Members were invited by E-News on 13 February 2023 to submit Motions for inclusion in this report and the consideration of Council and offered the support of Council Administration in preparing any proposed items. A reminder was sent on 23 February 2023. No motions were received.
Resource	Support briefing on Agenda items will be met within existing resources.
Risk / Legal / Legislative	If attending in person, the voting delegate will receive a benefit of travel to the ALGA NGA and the networking opportunities afforded by attendance. As such a Council Member who nominates as a delegate must declare a Material Conflict of Interest and leave the room.
Opportunities	Attendance at the National General Assembly provides Council with the opportunity to shape the future of local government nationally and further the South Australian perspective.
22/23 Budget Allocation	Costs associated with attending the 2023 ALGA NGA, including administrative support, can be met from within existing budget allocations. Estimated expenses of attending in person a maximum of approximately \$3000 per voting delegate or representative comprising flights (from \$300 - \$600 each way), registration (\$895) plus three nights' accommodation (from \$220 - \$320 per night) and optional social dinner \$175). Expense of attending as a virtual delegate is \$689.
Proposed 23/24 Budget Allocation	Not as a result of this report
Life of Project, Service, Initiative or (Expectancy of) Asset	Not as a result of this report
22/23 Budget Reconsideration (if applicable)	Not as a result of this report
Ongoing Costs (eg maintenance cost)	Not as a result of this report
Other Funding Sources	Not as a result of this report

DISCUSSION

1. The 2023 National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA) will be held in Canberra from 13-16 June 2023.
2. The NGA represents an important opportunity for Council to influence the national policy agenda.
3. The NGA also provides opportunities for attendees to hear from leaders across government and to have one on one access to some of the country's most influential decision makers.
4. The theme for this year's NGA is 'Our Communities Our Future'.
5. The NGA program can be viewed here [\[Link 1\]](#)
6. Costs associated with attending the 2023 ALGA NGA, including administrative support, can be met from within existing budget allocations.

Appointment of Council's Voting Delegate & Cost of Attendance

7. Council's consideration of appointing a voting delegate is sought.
 - 7.1. In the past, nominated delegates have been:
 - 7.1.1. 2022 – Lord Mayor Sandy Verschoor.
 - 7.1.2. 2021 – Councillor Helen Donovan.
 - 7.1.3. 2020 – Deputy Lord Mayor Alex Hyde.
8. Registration fees are \$895 for in person, or \$689 for a virtual delegate.
9. There are no further costs for a virtual delegate, however the total cost of attending in person is a maximum of approximately \$3000 per voting delegate or representative which includes the following additional costs:
 - 9.1. Economy flights range from \$300 - \$600 each way.
 - 9.2. Three nights' accommodation from \$220 - \$320 per night.
10. An optional social function, the General Assembly Dinner, is available in addition to the registration cost. This is held on Wednesday 14 June and tickets are \$175 per attendee.

Motions

11. The Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) called for motions to be submitted to the 2023 NGA.
12. The submission deadline was 24 March 2023, but a short extension has been granted to allow Council to consider these motions at its 28 March 2023 Council meeting. No motions were received.
13. Consistent with previous practice to garner motions on notice for LGA and ALGA forums, Council Members were invited by E-News on 13 February 2023 to submit NGA Motions on Notice for consideration of Council. A reminder was sent on 23 February 2023.

DATA AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Link 1 – NGA Provisional Program

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

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