

ADDITIONAL ITEM



Item No: 1.7
Title: Administrator's Minute - Council Structure
Department: Administrator

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Council adopted a structure on 30 November 2020 which incorporates the following positions:

- Director Water and Sewer
- Director Community and Recreation Services
- Director Environment and Planning
- Director Infrastructure
- Director Corporate Affairs

Since adopting the structure there has been commentary that Council no longer has a Chief Financial Officer.

The Local Government Act requires that a Council have a Responsible Accounting Officer. As defined by the legislation a *responsible accounting officer, in relation to a council, means a member of the staff of the council designated by the council as its responsible accounting officer or, if no such member of staff is designated, means the general manager of the council.*

At Central Coast Council the Director, Corporate Affairs is the Responsible Accounting Officer. The role, when advertised, required relevant qualifications and identified that the role is accountable for ensuring a focus on the financial sustainability and financial leadership of the organisation.

However, to give the community confidence and to provide visibility that there is a role performing the functions of a Chief Financial Officer I propose to amend the title of Director, Corporate Affairs to Director, Corporate Affairs and Chief Financial Officer.

I am making this change in accordance with section 333 of the Local Government Act which provides that the organisation structure may be redetermined from time to time.

I formally move:

That Council determine, pursuant to s. 333) of the Local Government Act 1993, that the position of Director, Corporate Affairs will be retitled to Director, Corporate Affairs and Chief Financial Officer.