



City of **HOBART**

**MEMORANDUM: LORD MAYOR
DEPUTY LORD MAYOR
ELECTED MEMBERS**

COMMITTEE MEETING - ATTENDANCE

**Meeting: Community, Culture and Events
Committee**

Meeting date: 3 March 2022

Raised by: Councillor Dutta

Question:

Can the Director advise how many committee meetings an elected member can miss, is there a Council policy on this?

Response:


The Meetings: Procedures and Guidelines Policy does not address non-attendance at council committee meetings, nor does any other Council policy.

Clause 3(1)(c) of Schedule 5 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (“the Act”) states that the office of an elected member becomes vacant if the elected member is absent without leave from 3 consecutive ordinary meetings of the Council.

Section 72(1)(cc) of the Act states that a council must prepare an annual report containing a statement detailing the attendance of each councillor at meetings of the council or any council committee during the preceding financial year.

The Act and *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015* are otherwise silent with respect to any repercussions for non-attendance at council committee meetings.

As signatory to this report, I certify that, pursuant to Section 55(1) of the Local Government Act 1993, I hold no interest, as referred to in Section 49 of the Local Government Act 1993, in matters contained in this report.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Jackson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Paul Jackson
**MANAGER LEGAL AND
GOVERNANCE**

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