



The Council of the City of Cockburn

Ordinary Council Meeting
Addendum Agenda

For Thursday, 10 November 2022

The Council of the City of Cockburn

**Ordinary Council Meeting
Thursday, 10 November 2022 at 7pm**

	Page
19. New Business of an Urgent Nature Introduced by Members or Officers	3
19.1 Leave of Absence - Cr Chontelle Stone	3

The Council of the City of Cockburn**Ordinary Council Meeting
Thursday, 10 November 2022 at 7pm****Addendum Agenda****19. New Business of an Urgent Nature Introduced by Members or Officers****19.1 Leave of Absence - Cr Chontelle Stone**

Responsible Executive	Executive Governance and Strategy
Author	Manager Legal and Compliance
Attachments	N/A

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- (1) GRANTS a Leave of Absence to Cr Chontelle Stone from Friday, 11 November 2022 to Wednesday, 1 February 2023, inclusive, which incorporates the following:
1. Special Council Meeting to be held 17 November 2022,
 2. Expenditure Review Committee Meeting to be held 24 November 2022,
 3. Ordinary Council Meeting to be held 8 December 2022.

Background

The following request was received on 7 November 2022 from Cr Stone:

Due to personal reasons, I need to request an urgent Leave of Absence starting 11 November 2022 until the beginning of February 2023.

Submission

N/A

Report

In accordance with s2.25 of the *Local Government Act 1995* Council may, by resolution, grant a leave of absence to an Elected Member of no more than six consecutive Ordinary Council Meetings.

Cr Stone has requested a Leave of Absence for a period of less than three months, for personal reasons.

The duration of the leave period includes the 17 November 2022 Special Council Meeting, the 8 December 2022 Ordinary Council Meeting, plus one Standing Committee Meeting of which Cr Stone is an appointed Member.

In accordance with the Elected Member Leave of Absence Policy, a report is required to be presented to Council, giving consideration to the Policy requirements as follows:

- 1. The application must conform with requirements (1) and (2) of the Leave of Absence Policy*
The Application was made to the CEO, detailing the period of leave sought and the reasons.
- 2. The details and the reasons provided in the application are considered are valid*
An Elected Member may make an application for a leave of absence, the decision of granting the application is a decision of Council.
- 3. The member is unable to submit an apology on or before an Ordinary Council meeting, where the period of leave request is for less than three (3) months.*
The application has been made for a period of less than three months for personal reasons.
- 4. The member is expected to be absent from all City related commitments during the applicable period, including Ordinary Council Meetings, except for those to which the member has already notified their attendance.*
The Elected Member has not identified in their application any events or City Commitments which they intend on attending during the leave of absence.

It is recommended that Council supports this request on the basis that Councillor Stone will not attending any Meetings, City Commitments, or events while on Leave of Absence, in accordance with the intent of Clause (5) 4 of the relevant City Policy.

Strategic Plans/Policy Implications

Listening & Leading

A community focused, sustainable, accountable and progressive organisation.

- Best practice Governance, partnerships and value for money.

Budget/Financial Implications

N/A

Legal Implications

Section 2.25 of the *Local Government Act 1995* refers.

Community Consultation

N/A

Risk Management Implications

There is a low level of Compliance Risk associated with this item.

Advice to Proponent(s)/Submitters

Councillor Stone has been advised that this matter is to be considered at the 10 November 2022 Ordinary Council Meeting.

Implications of Section 3.18(3) *Local Government Act 1995*

Nil