

5.3 COUNCILLOR GIFT POLICY

Responsible Officer: Jarrod Doake, Chief Operating Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That the draft Councillor Gift Policy attached to this report, be adopted by Council.

INTRODUCTION

Under s.138 of the Local Government Act 2020, a council must adopt a Councillor gift policy within the period of 6 months after this section comes into operation, ie prior to 24 April 2021.

BACKGROUND

The Policy must make provision for the maintenance of a gift register and any matters in the regulations, including a minimum value of gifts that must be disclosed.

Councils must also ensure the policy complies with the public transparency principles.

There was no requirement for a Councillor Gift Policy in the 1989 Act.

DISCUSSION

The adoption of this policy will meet the requirements of s.138 of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications to this matter.

CONCLUSION

It is recommended that the draft Councillor Gift Policy be adopted, as detailed in the attachment to this report.