

**17.2 Urgent Business – Independent Investigation – Mayor Wilson (Report No: 273/20)**

Her Worship the Mayor sought leave of the meeting at Item 17 to consider Item 17.2 Urgent Business – Independent Investigation – Mayor Wilson (Report No: 237/20) as an item of Urgent Business to be considered at Item 18, Items in Confidence.

Leave of the meeting was granted.

**Motion – Exclusion of the Public – Section 90(3)(e)**

**C110820/2003**

1. That pursuant to Section 90(2) of the *Local Government Act 1999* Council hereby orders that the public be excluded from attendance at this meeting with the exception of the Chief Executive Officer and Staff in attendance at the meeting in order to consider Report No: 237/20 – Urgent Business – Independent Investigation – Mayor Wilson in confidence.
2. That in accordance with Section 90(3) of the *Local Government Act 1999* Council is satisfied that it is necessary that the public be excluded to consider the information contained in Report No: 237/20 – Urgent Business – Independent Investigation – Mayor Wilson on the following grounds:
  - e. pursuant to Section 90(3)(e) of the Act, the information to be received, discussed or considered in relation to this Agenda Item is related to matters affecting the security of employees of the Council.
3. The Council is satisfied, the principle that the meeting be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed by the need to keep the information or discussion confidential.

Moved Councillor Lindop, Seconded Councillor Miller

**Carried Unanimously**

**Motion**

**C110820/2004**

**That Council:**

1. note that Administration have concluded a confidential, independent, internal investigation in relation to the allegations received from an anonymous complainant and that no further action be taken in relation to these allegations; and
2. notes the anonymous complaint was forwarded to Office of Public Integrity (OPI) who assessed it and notified Council that no further action was required.

**RETAIN IN CONFIDENCE - Section 91(7) Order**

3. Having considered Agenda Item 17.2 Urgent Business – Independent Investigation – Mayor Wilson (Report No: 237/20) in confidence under Section 90(2) and (3)(e) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, the Council, pursuant to Section 91(7) of that Act orders that the report and minutes be retained in confidence for a period of 24 months and that this order be reviewed every 12 months.

Moved Councillor Bouchee, Seconded Councillor Snewin

**Carried Unanimously**

**BACKGROUND**

On 9 June, 2020, Her Worship the Mayor disclosed to the Chamber that an Elected Member of Council had received correspondence from an anonymous complainant and, affording the nature of the allegations, a proposed course of action was outlined. Administration confirmed receipt of the correspondence and stated that as a transparent, accountable and responsible public authority, the Council does intend to undertake a confidential, independent, internal investigation, in relation to the allegations.

Councillor Fleming left the meeting at 8.46pm.

Councillor Fleming re-joined the meeting at 8.50pm.