Annual Council Meeting

<u>17 May 2005</u>

AGENDA ITEM 2

REPORT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SERVCIES MANAGER

1. <u>ELECTION OF MAYOR</u>

- (a) The Mayor is elected by the council from among the councillors.
- (b) The Mayor is elected annually and the election must be the first business transacted at the Annual Meeting of the council.
- (c) In the case of an equality of votes, the person presiding at the meeting shall have a casting vote in addition to any other vote he or she may have.
- (d) The Mayor shall, unless he or she resigns or becomes disqualified, continue in office until his or her successor becomes entitled to act as Mayor; that is, until the new Mayor has taken the declaration of acceptance of office. In the present circumstances, the term of office will be until the Annual Meeting in 2006 which is expected to be on 16 May 2006.
- (f) Deputy Mayor

In accordance with paragraph 5(1) of Schedule 2 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Deputy Mayor is appointed by the Mayor from among the councillors.

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