

### **Oath of Office and Councillor Code of Conduct**

Pursuant to the *Local Government Act 2020*, under section 30:

- (1) A person elected to be a Councillor is not capable of acting as a Councillor until the person has taken the oath or affirmation of office in the manner prescribed by the regulations.
- (2) The oath or affirmation of office must be—
  - (a) administered by the Chief Executive Officer; and
  - (b) dated and signed before the Chief Executive Officer; and
  - (c) recorded in the minutes of the Council, whether or not the oath or affirmation was taken at a Council meeting.

Pursuant to the *Local Government (Governance and Integrity) Regulations 2020*, section 5 states that for the purposes of section 30(1) of the Act, the prescribed manner for taking the oath or affirmation of office is—

- (a) in accordance with the requirements of Part 2 of the *Oaths and Affirmations Act 2018*; and
- (b) in person or, with the approval of the Chief Executive Officer, by means of an audio visual link; and
- (c) in the following form—

"I will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the municipal community.

I will abide by the Model Councillor Code of Conduct and uphold the standards of conduct set out in the Model Councillor Code of Conduct.

I will faithfully and impartially carry out and exercise the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the *Local Government Act 2020* and any other Act to the best of my skill and judgement."



**Oath**

*I swear (or promise) by Almighty God (or the person may name a god recognised by the person's religion) that I will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the municipal community.*

*I will abide by the Model Councillor Code of Conduct and uphold the standards of conduct set out in the Model Councillor Code of Conduct.*

*I will faithfully and impartially carry out and exercise the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the Local Government Act 2020 and any other Act to the best of my skill and judgement.*

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Councillor Name  
**Councillor**

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Date

Signature witnessed by:

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Monica Revell  
**Chief Executive Officer**

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Date



**Affirmation**

*I solemnly and sincerely declare and affirm that I will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the municipal community.*

*I will abide by the Model Councillor Code of Conduct and uphold the standards of conduct set out in the Model Councillor Code of Conduct.*

*I will faithfully and impartially carry out and exercise the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in me under the Local Government Act 2020 and any other Act to the best of my skill and judgement.*

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Councillor Name  
**Councillor**

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Date

Signature witnessed by:

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Monica Revell  
**Chief Executive Officer**

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Date