

## **4.10 Mobile Devices in the Council Chamber**

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| <i>Policy Title:</i>          | <i>Mobile Devices in the Council Chamber</i>  |
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|                               | <i>26/6/2003 Item 5.1 page 44</i>   |
|                               | <i>25/9/08 Item 4.10.1(f), page 27 (refer Audit &amp; Finance Committee minutes 11/9/08, item 4.7, page 16)</i> |
|                               | <i>24/9/13 Item 4.10.5(b), page 34 (refer Governance Committee minutes 10/9/13, item 4.1.2, page 7-8)</i>       |
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### **PURPOSE**

To ensure that Council meetings, Council workshops and Committee meetings are not interrupted by mobile devices.

### **POLICY**

- Mobile devices include phones, tablets, pagers and other portable devices capable of emitting a sound.
- Mobile devices are permitted in the Council Chamber provided that they are either turned off or in silent mode during the course of a Council meeting, Council workshop or Committee meeting.
- A device in silent mode shall have all functions set to silent or turned off. This includes alerts, messages, phone calls and the like. The device shall be positioned to ensure any vibration capability is not disruptive to the Chamber.
- Any person may seek leave from the Mayor or Chairperson prior to the commencement of a meeting to be exempt from this policy, and the Mayor or Chairperson may grant the request if he or she considers that the request is reasonable.