

CASTING VOTE POLICY

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to allow the chairperson of a Council meeting to cast a second vote (casting vote) on a question arising for decision at a Council meeting in the event of an equality of votes.

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SCOPE

This policy applies to all elected members presiding as chairperson at Council meetings of Katherine Town Council.

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DEFINITIONS

Chairperson means the same as section 95(1) of the Local Government Act 2019.

Council meeting means Ordinary or Special Meetings of Council under section 90 of the Local Government Act 2019.

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DETAILS

The purpose of Council meetings is to provide community members with the opportunity to understand local government decision making. Elected members meet at least monthly at Council meetings to set their policies, adopt corporate plans and budgets, and make other decisions.

Each elected member present at a meeting has, and must exercise, one vote on a question arising for decision at the meeting.

If there is an equality of votes on a question arising for decision at a Council meeting, the chairperson has a casting vote.

Use of casting vote

A casting vote is to be exercised by the chairperson when there are equal votes on a question arising for decision at a Council meeting. During such an occurrence, the casting vote will determine the vote. The chairperson must exercise

the casting vote either in favour or against the question. In exercising of the casting vote, the chairperson may vote contrary to their initial vote.

If there are unequal votes, the chairperson cannot exercise a casting vote.

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ASSOCIATED POLICIES/DOCUMENTS

Elected Members General Policy and Procedures

Ordinary Meeting and Special Meeting of Council agendas and minutes

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REFERENCES AND RELATED LEGISLATION

Local Government Act 2019

Revision History

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1	28/09/2021	Created	Manager Governance and Risk
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