Confidential Item

11.7 Elected Member Training Standard Consultation

The time being 8.00 pm Cr Blackborough left the meeting.

The time being 8.03 pm Cr Blackborough re-entered the meeting.

The time being 8.04 pm the Mayor, with the consent of the Council, invoked Regulation 20, a short-term suspension of proceedings.

The time being 8.07 pm Cr Britton-La Salle left the meeting.

The time being 8.13 pm Cr Britton-La Salle re-entered the meeting.

The time being 8.23 pm the Mayor declared the end of the short-term suspension of proceedings.

Cr McLuskey moved and Cr Leombruno seconded that Staff provide the prepared response on the Draft LGA Training Standards and the additional dot points below to the Local Government Association in response to the consultation opportunity provided to Councils for this matter:

- Increase font size of Leadership Competency Framework tables (pages 5-8) as the tables may be difficult for visually impaired Elected Members, Election Candidates and other users to read
- Mid-term Council Leadership Refresher - is the wording ‘For continuing Council members’ intentional or is this superfluous with the way the Training Standard is now structured? This is the only reference that sets requirements specifically for ‘continuing council members’ and appears to be a section that has missed being updated from the previous version of the Standard, as Council consider the Refresher should apply to all Elected Members
- In the competency framework tables (page 7), the term ‘anti-corruption’ seems misplaced in the phrasing of ‘Legal protections and external oversight’ and should be changed to ‘corruption’
- Mayoral Meeting Procedures (technical knowledge) (page 8) – it is recommended that ‘deputations’ and ‘public question time’ be added to the list of learning outcomes. These procedures can be difficult for new Mayors to master as they involve Community members participating in meetings
- That the LGA consider changing the module titled Behaviour to Performance
- Any subsequent review of the Elected Member Training Standard be finalised at least 6 months before an upcoming Local Government Periodic Election
- Council express its concern that it was requested to deal with this matter in confidence and by principle Local Government should be seen to be open and transparent.

Carried Unanimously