

POLICY

TITLE:	CASTING VOTE POLICY		
DIVISON:	COUNCIL		
ADOPTED BY:	COUNCIL		
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LEGISLATIVE REF:	Section 95(6) Local Government Act 2019		

THIS POLICY APPLIES TO: Council Members

1. 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.

2. Application of policy

2.1 Chairperson has a casting vote

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

2.2 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 motion.

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