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THIS POLICY APPLIES TO:

All Employees and Councillors of the Barkly Regional Council.

SUMMARY

The aim of all policy is for Councillors to provide strategic input into the effective operational framework of the organisation the Local Government Act. This Policy sets out the arrangements and procedures for the establishment of the Barkly Regional Council Youth Council.

OBJECTIVES

This Policy aims to:

- Facilitate the establishment of the Youth Council; and
- Outline the procedures and framework of the Youth Council.

BACKGROUND

Barkly Regional Council aims to develop young people within the Barkly region as leaders this Youth Council is specifically designed to provide an opportunity for young people within the region to participate in the decision making process in areas that affect them.

To achieve this, the Council have established this policy as a means to providing the framework and procedures of the Youth Council.

POLICY

Establishing the Youth Council

To be eligible for membership onto the Youth Council, you must:

- Be between 14 and 18 years of age;
- Regularly attend schooling in the Barkly region; and
- Display outstanding behaviour at school and in the community.

Number of Members

The Youth Council must have between 6 and 12 members. This membership total does not include the Mayor or their representative or the CEO and their representative. At least one Council Director must be in attendance at all meetings.

The Nomination Process

Vacancies will be advertised by Council via the website, at community noticeboards, at the high school and via the usual Council distribution method. The nomination period is 21.

Any young person who meets the eligibility criteria under *Establishing the Youth Council* above may be nominated. Any person above the age of 18 can nominate a young person to be a member of the Youth Council via the *Nomination Form* outlined on the Council website.

A nomination for the Youth Council must be accompanied by a signed confirmation letter by the young person's guardian(s) and by the young person before the nomination can be considered by the Selection Committee.

The CEO may convene the Selection Panel to consider all nominations after the nomination period has expired.

The Selection Process

The Selection Panel will consist of the Mayor or their delegate, the Chief Executive Officer or their delegate and the Chair of the relevant Local Authority or their delegate.

The Selection Panel will consider nominations once the nominations period has expired and make recommendations to the first Ordinary Meeting of the Council to be held after the close of nominations.

Term of Appointment

The term of membership onto the Youth Council is 12 months and this is intended to be for the duration of the school year.

Re-nominations of existing members are allowed as long as this nomination does not breach the eligibility criteria at any point of the membership period.

Vacancies

A Youth Council membership position becomes vacant when a member resigns in writing or the member becomes ineligible for membership under *Establishing the Youth Policy* above.

REFERENCES

Youth Council Operations Policy

LEGISLATION & STANDARDS

LINKS

https://legislation.nt.gov.au/LegislationPortal/Acts/By-Title#header_act_acc_L

RESPONSIBILITY & DELEGATION

CEO

EVALUATION AND REVIEW

Policy reviewed every three (3) years