

## **17.5 Code of Conduct**

### **Report Reference**

GC220510F17.5

Councillor Hull declared a conflict of interest in the item as the complaint is in relation to him.

8.53pm Councillor Hull left the meeting

#### **Moved Councillor Telfer**

#### **Seconded Councillor Masika**

That pursuant to Section 90(2) and (3)(g) of the Local Government Act 1999, the Council orders that all persons present, with the exception of the following persons: Chief Executive Officer, General Manager City Development, General Manager Corporate Services, General Manager City Services, Manager Office of the CEO, Unit Manager Governance and Council Support, be excluded from the meeting as the Council receives and considers information relating to a Code of Conduct matter, upon the basis that the Council is satisfied that the requirement for the meeting to be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed by the need to keep consideration of the matter confidential given disclosure of the information would breach a duty of confidence under Section 29A the Ombudsman Act 1972.

**Carried Unanimously**

8.53pm the meeting went into confidence.

#### **Moved Councillor Crossland**

#### **Seconded Councillor Veliskou**

That Council:

1. Notes the Ombudsman report
2. Refers the matter to the Local Government Governance Panel to determine if the code of conduct has been breached.
3. At the conclusion of the panel's deliberations, the matter be brought back to Council for consideration.
4. In accordance with Section 91(7) and (9) of the Local Government Act 1999 the Council orders that this report, Code of Conduct, any appendices and the minutes arising from this report having been considered in confidence under Section 90(2) and (3)(g) of the Act, except when required to effect or comply with Council's resolution(s) regarding this matter, be kept confidential and not available for public inspection for a period of 12 months from the date of this meeting. This confidentiality order will be reviewed at the General Council Meeting in December 2022.

**Carried Unanimously**

9.04pm the meeting came out of confidence.