

Transparent Council Votes and Proxy Preference

Council resolves:

- 1. that all card votes at Council (e.g., for elections and motions) shall be published along with the minutes, commencing with the October 2016 AGM; and**
- 2. that published information shall identify the individual who cast the vote, his or her organisation, and any proxy votes; and**
- 3. in the event any Council member desires his or her vote to remain unpublished, that this option be exercised in advance of each meeting and disclosed in the voting register and the minutes; and**
- 4. that Council designates the Chairman as its preferred recipient of undirected proxies; and**

Discussion

The intent of this motion is to increase the transparency of Council proceedings in advance of future motions to re-balance the decision making power within the Council.

The Independent Governance and Constitutional Review Commission articulated a theory that county and regional unions represent individual members at Council.

Voting transparency is fundamental for organisations and members to hold their representatives accountable.

Voting transparency would also mitigate the delegitimising effects that multiple proxy holders often inflict upon the Council.

Clause (3) above is included to respect known opposition to this motion; however, the requisitionists would welcome an amendment to remove it.

Clause (4) is intended to strengthen the Chairman's role, consistent with normal public practice.