

- g) Immediately following this resolution, an opportunity is to be provided for the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Newell and the General Manager to provide any personal response they wish to make in response to the motions carried at the public meeting, any response to be read and tabled.**

In Section 61 of the *Local Government Act 1993* it states that, 'A council is to appoint a person as general manager of the council for a term not exceeding 5 years on terms and conditions it considers appropriate'.

A Council has the responsibility of recruitment of the general manager, not individual councillors, this appears to have been overlooked by some members of the public.

Council has publicly acknowledged the findings of the Edge Legal Report and the Tasmanian Audit Report and has made a public apology on more than one occasion.

The Council has completed training to ensure current and future Councillors are better supported in identifying and management of conflict of interest in accordance with the guidelines that are being developed by WLF Accounting and Advisory. We have been advised that these guidelines will be available for the Council to review later this month. These guidelines will not only benefit councillors and the councillor induction program for 2022 but will also be imbedded into the practices of the administration of the Council.

Training was also provided in the effective use of panels and committees involving:

- Functions and scope for a Panel or Committee established by the Council and reporting requirements back to the Council for further guidance on when consensus cannot be achieved
- How to engage in robust but respectful discussion
- The importance of note taking
- How to give adequate reasons for decisions reached

My objective as a councillor tonight is to work through both the motions from the public meeting and correspondence from council closed meetings with my fellow councillors to identify what we can release to the public. If we can do this, then the information that we release will be comprehensive and accessible on Council's website.