



**TITLE:** CASTING VOTE POLICY  
**ADOPTED BY:** COUNCIL  
**RESPONSIBILITY:** CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
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## **1. Purpose**

This policy is made under section 95(6) of the *Local Government Act 2019* and 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.

During the exercise of the Casting Vote, the Chair may vote contrary to their initial vote.

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