

Committee Name:	Community Safety Advisory Committee		
Type:	Council Advisory Committee		
Responsible Officer:	General Manager Community		
Owner:	Chief Executive Officer		
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1 PURPOSE

The Community Safety Advisory Committee (CSAC) provides strategic advice to Council on a range of community, social and animal wellbeing issues that may influence the Palmerston By-Laws, Council services and program development. The Committee assists Council to identify, articulate and respond appropriately to new and emerging issues.

2 COMMITTEE OBJECTIVES

- 2.1 Provide advice to Council about strategies, programs and initiatives which improve the safety, wellbeing, and interests of the Palmerston community, in accordance with legislation and council policy.
- 2.2 Consider and endorse recommendations from its associated Networks to put forward for Council's consideration.
- 2.3 Provide a structure through which the views and interests of the Palmerston community and interested parties can be articulated of the attention of Council on safety and wellbeing matters.
- 2.4 Increase partnerships in place between the Council and other levels of government which seek to address crime and improve animal welfare.
- 2.5 Draw on and share the expertise of specialists, as appropriate.

3 AUTHORITY/DELEGATION

The CSAC is an advisory body to Council and does not hold any decision-making powers. The Committee is responsible to recommend a course of action to Council on matters falling within its function.

4 MEMBERSHIP

- 4.1 Members are appointed by the Council.
- 4.2 The City of Palmerston shall appoint suitably qualified individuals or individuals with a special interest to be members of the Committee based on its purpose, being:
 - One Councillor as Chair
 - Two Councillor as a Member
 - One Community Member
 - One Senior Community Representative
 - One Youth Community Member
 - One Representative of the Chief Minister and Cabinet
 - One Representative of Northern Territory Families
 - One Representative of the Northern Territory Police
 - One First Nations Representative

- One Representative from a relevant business association.
- 4.3 The Chairperson will be a Councillor holding membership to the committee.
- 4.4 The Mayor will be ex-officio member.
- 4.5 Council staff attend in an advisory capacity, to provide information and updates. Staff do not hold voting rights and do not participate in group decisions unless specified.

5 TERMS AND VACANCIES

- 5.1 Membership term of a Councillor will be for one year, by nomination at an Ordinary Council Meeting.
- 5.2 Membership term for all other members will be for two years.
- 5.3 Council officers will invite relevant government organisations to hold representation on the Committee.
- 5.4 Representatives shall be nominated by the appointed organisations.
- 5.5 A member who fails to attend three consecutive meetings without providing apology is considered to have resigned their membership.
- 5.6 The Terms of Reference and membership profile will be reviewed by the Committee every two years from the commencement of the Committee's term, or as required.

6 COMMUNITY MEMBER SELECTION PROCESS

- 6.1 In considering expressions of interest, applicants are expected to:
 - Hold a special interest in community well-being, safety and social and animal wellbeing issues.
 - Contribute positively to the work of the Committee by actively participating in meetings.
 - Represent community interest as a whole and not as individual interest.
 - Be respectful of diverse views and work collaboratively.
 - Community members must be Palmerston residents.
- 6.2 Community representatives shall be considered by submitting an Expression of Interest Form available on the Council website.
- 6.3 Submissions received will be submitted to a confidential Meeting of Council for consideration.

7 MEETINGS

- 7.1 **Notice of Meetings and Business Papers**
The Chief Executive Officer will convene meetings and will distribute business papers no later than three business days prior to a meeting.
- 7.2 **Regularity**
Meetings will be held quarterly, or more frequently as required.
- 7.3 **Attendance**
 - 7.3.1 Meetings are open to the public unless confidential business is being considered.
 - 7.3.2 Guests or Network Members may be invited to attend meetings by the Advisory Committee to provide advice or update on relevant matters.
- 7.4 **Quorum**
Quorum consists of a majority of its members holding office at the time of the meeting, maintaining one Councillor as the Chairperson
- 7.5 **Chairperson Responsibilities**
 - 7.5.1 To ensure meetings are conducted in accordance with the *Palmerston (Procedure for Meeting) By-Laws* legislation, Council policies and according to the agenda.
 - 7.5.2 Ensuring all discussion items end with a decision, action, or appropriate outcomes.

7.5.3 Should the Chairperson be unable to attend a meeting, the alternate Councillor or Mayor shall perform the duties of Chairperson and if unavailable the meeting will be postponed.

7.6 Voting

7.6.1 For voting purposes, the Chairperson shall accept motions moved and seconded by members of the Committee, by show of hands.

7.6.2 A Committee decision is by majority vote of voting members present at a meeting.

7.7 Minutes

Meeting minutes will be distributed to members within ten working days after a meeting and presented to Council at its next Ordinary Meeting.

8 CONDUCT

8.1 Conflicts of interest

Committee members must declare any real or perceived conflicts of interest when joining the Committee, annually and at the start of each meeting before discussion of the relevant agenda items on the approved Council form.

8.2 Code of Conduct

All Committee Members are required to abide with Schedule 1 of the *Local Government Act 2019 Code of Conduct for Elected Members and Committee Members*.

8.3 Committee Representation

Committee members must not speak on behalf of Council or the Committee without the approval of the Chief Executive Officer. Failure to abide by this requirement will constitute grounds for removal from the Committee.

9 PERFORMANCE REVIEW

The Committee will provide an annual summary of the Committees performance to Council prior to the end of financial year.