

# Governance Rules and Public Transparency Policy under the *Local Government Act 2020 (Vic)*

**Council is developing a Public Transparency Policy and Governance Rules in line with the new *Local Government Act 2020 (Vic)* and we are consulting the community on these documents.**

## At a Glance

The new *Local Government Act 2020 (Vic)* came into effect on 24 March 2020. It requires all councils in Victoria adopt and maintain documents to give effect to good governance and transparency principles.

- The **Governance Rules** set out requirements for how Council meetings are conducted and how Council decisions are made. They are informed by draft materials from Local Government Victoria, as well as the Council Meeting Procedure Local Law 2019, which was reviewed and updated last year.
- The **Public Transparency Policy** formalises Council's commitment to open and transparent decision-making. It describes which Council information is publicly available, and how to access this information. It also explains when Council information may be confidential, or when making it available may be contrary to the public interest.

## Have Your Say

The consultation period is between **18 June and 16 July 2020**. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Council is unable to facilitate face-to-face consultation. However, the community is invited to submit their written comments during the consultation period online, in person or by post.

### You can access the Governance Rules, Public Transparency Policy and relevant documents by:

- downloading them from [www.gleneira.vic.gov.au](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au) or <https://www.haveyoursaygleneira.com.au/local-government-act>;
- picking up a hard copy at Caulfield Library, Carnegie Library or Bentleigh Library (please call (03) 9524 3333 to make an appointment first)
- requesting that a copy be sent to you by mail.

### You can have your say by:

- completing the survey on Have Your Say Glen Eira at <https://www.haveyoursaygleneira.com.au/local-government-act>;
- emailing [lga2020@gleneira.vic.gov.au](mailto:lga2020@gleneira.vic.gov.au); or
- submitting your comments by mail, addressed to the Legal and Governance Coordinator, Glen Eira City Council, PO Box 42, Caulfield South.

**All feedback is due by 5pm on Thursday 16 July 2020.**

## What Happens Next?

All submissions will be considered and feedback from the consultation period incorporated into final drafts as appropriate. The final versions of the documents will be submitted to Council for approval on or before 1 September 2020. When the final drafts are submitted to Council, all submissions will also be made publicly available unless you have requested that your submission not be made public. Council will redact names and contact details for any submissions made public. In limited circumstances, Council may also determine that a submission, or sections of a submission, not be made public. This may occur, for example, if the submission contains information about a third party, or if it contains offensive, threatening, abusive, defamatory or otherwise inappropriate content.

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