

21. First meeting of local authority following triennial general election of members—

(1) The first meeting of a local authority following a triennial general election of members must be called by the chief executive as soon as practicable after the results of the election are known.

(2) The chief executive must give the persons elected to the local authority not less than 7 days' notice of the meeting.

(3) Despite subclause (2), if an emergency exists, the chief executive may give notice of the meeting as soon as practicable.

(4) The chief executive (or, in the absence of the chief executive, a nominee of that officer) must chair the meeting until the mayor or chairperson has made and attested the declaration required under clause 14.

(5) The business that must be conducted at the meeting must include—

(a) the making and attesting of the declarations required of the mayor (if any) and members under clause 14; and

(b) the election of the chairperson (if any) and the making and attesting of the declaration required of the chairperson under clause 14; and

(c) a general explanation, given or arranged by the chief executive, of—

(i) the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987; and

(ii) other laws affecting members, including—

(A) the appropriate provisions of the Local Authorities (Members' Interests) Act 1968; and

(B) sections 99, 105, and 105A of the Crimes Act 1961; and

(C) the Secret Commissions Act 1910; and

(D) the Securities Act 1978; and

(d) the fixing of the date and time of the first . . . meeting of the local authority, or the adoption of a schedule of . . . meetings; and

(e) the election of the deputy mayor or deputy chairperson in accordance with clause 17.

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