



**22 March 2021**

## **Options Paper Endorsed for Representational Review**

Council at its meeting on 16 March 2021 endorsed an options paper as part of Council's current representation review process.

The options paper prepared by Norman Waterhouse is designed to enable the community and Council to be provided with an array of options that Council may choose to change, if at all, to part of Council's current representational structure.

Such changes as discussed in the options paper include current compositions of wards, a proposal to have no wards, to introduce area councillors, and options for a directly elected mayor opposed to a chairperson.

Council is now undertaking an appropriate six (6) week public consultation process whereby members of the community are invited to make submissions on their thoughts and recommended options.

"Council strongly encourages the public to take the time and review the options paper, and should the public have further questions the Administration and Councillors would be only too happy to discuss the paper and the options within it to inform the community to make a submission", said District Council of Mount Remarkable Chief Executive Officer Sam Johnson.

Following the public consultation process, a further report and options paper will be presented to Council providing an analysis of the feedback received. Council will then determine the most appropriate option and a further public consultation period will be undertaken to ensure the community is adequately aware and involved in the process and ultimate decision.

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“This is a really important process, and Council strongly encourages the public to contact individual Councillors or the Administration with any questions, and most of all make submissions to help ensure the option chosen is one that is of benefit to us all as a community and our future needs”, said Mayor Phillip Heaslip.

Copies of the representational review options paper can be obtained from Councils website, or by contacting the Council office.

Submissions are to be lodged by Monday 3 May 2021 to:

Att: Representation Review

District Council of Mount Remarkable

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