

STRATFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL

SECTION: DEMOCRACY	
POLICY: <u>VOTING SYSTEM</u>	
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PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to set the voting system for Council to follow in making certain appointments.

POLICY STATEMENT

The Local Government Act 2002 as amended, sets out the voting systems that Local Authorities have to follow when making certain appointments.

These appointments apply to the election or appointment of the Deputy Mayor of Council, the election or appointment of the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson of a committee, and the election or appointment of a representative of Council.

This Council has adopted as default, the voting system B as in clause 25 (4) of Schedule 7 of the principal Act, that reads as follow:

“(4) System B –

- (a) requires that a person is elected or appointed if he or she receives more votes than any other candidate; and*
- (b) has the following characteristics:*
 - (i) there is only 1 round of voting; and*
 - (ii) if 2 or more candidates tie for the most votes, the tie is resolved by lot”*

If for any particular vote an elected member requests of vote on the method of voting, then such a vote shall be held.