

# Councillor Committee Appointments 2026

Committee	Description	Meeting Commitments	Composition as per Terms of Reference	Appointee(s) for 2026	Chairperson Appointee for 2026
Arts Advisory Committee	The Arts Advisory Committee (AAC) will provide strategic advice to Council on how to ensure Manningham maintains a vibrant, diverse, culturally relevant, and economically impactful and sustainable arts sector. The AAC will strengthen the voice of artists and arts professionals and help ensure Manningham's arts programming reflects and engages with the contemporary community.	Quarterly meetings	At least one councillor appointed annually who acts as Chairperson.  Substitute representative where Chairperson is absent.	<i>Cr Isabella Eltaha</i> <i>Cr Jim Grivas</i> (substitute representative)	<i>Appointed Councillor</i>
Audit & Risk Committee	The Audit and Risk Committee is an advisory committee of Council established pursuant to Section 53 of the Local Government Act 2020. The purpose of the Committee is to assist Council to discharge its oversight and corporate governance responsibilities.	At least five times a year and convene additional meetings as required	Two Councillors and three independent members.	<i>Cr Deirdre Diamante</i> <i>Cr Carli Lange</i>	<i>Independent Chairperson</i>
CEO Employment and Remuneration Committee	The CEO Employment and Remuneration Committee considers and makes recommendations in relation to the recruitment, performance, and employment of the CEO in accordance with the CEO Employment and Remuneration Policy.	Annually and as required	Comprised of all nine Councillors.	<i>All 9 Councillors</i>	<i>Mayor</i>
Disability Advisory Committee	The Manningham Disability Advisory Committee (MDAC) will provide strategic advice to Council on how to understand and respond to the needs of people with disability. The MDAC will strengthen the voice of people with disability when engaging with Council and support the community to be inclusive for all Manningham residents.	Quarterly meetings	At least one Councillor appointed annually who acts as Chairperson.  Substitute representative where Chairperson is absent.	<i>Cr Peter Bain</i> <i>Cr Andrew Conlon</i> (substitute representative)	<i>Appointed Councillor</i>
Flooding and Stormwater Management Community	The Community Reference Panel (CRP) will help guide the development of Manningham's Flood Mapping Project (joint Manningham Council and Melbourne Water project) and Integrated Water Management Strategy. The CRP will provide	Quarterly meetings	Three Councillors appointed annually.	<i>Cr Carli Lange</i> <i>Cr Andrew Conlon</i> <i>Cr Geoff Gough</i>	<i>Cr Carli Lange</i>

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Reference Panel	a community perspective in relation to assessing flooding and stormwater management risks and challenges, and options to address them.				
Health and Wellbeing Advisory Committee	<p>The Manningham Health and Wellbeing Advisory Committee (HWAC) will provide strategic advice to Council on the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the health and wellbeing priorities of the Manningham Council Plan 2025-2029 (or subsequent Council Plan) ("Council Plan") and our obligations under the Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008. The HWAC will support Council to address key and emerging health and wellbeing issues, including matters relating to family and gendered-based violence affecting the Manningham community. As such the Health and Wellbeing Advisory Committee will house dedicated sub-committees to specifically address gender equality and LGBTIQA+ matters.</p> <p>This committee will have following two sub committees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gender Equity sub committee</li> <li>• LGBTIQA+ sub committee.</li> </ul>	Quarterly meetings	<p>At least one Councillor appointed annually who acts as Chairperson.</p> <p>Substitute representative where Chairperson is absent.</p>	<p><i>Cr Deirdre Diamante</i> <i>Cr Laura Mayne</i></p>	<i>Cr Deirdre Diamante</i>
Healthy Ageing Advisory Committee	The Manningham Healthy Ageing Advisory Committee (HAAC) provides strategic advice to Council regarding the needs of older people. The HAAC will strengthen the voice of older residents to engage with Council and support the community to be inclusive for all Manningham residents.	Quarterly meetings	<p>At least one Councillor appointed annually who acts as Chairperson.</p> <p>Substitute representative where Chairperson is absent.</p>	<p><i>Cr Anna Chen</i> <i>Cr Deirdre Diamante</i></p>	<i>Cr Anna Chen</i>
Historical Societies Working Group	To provide a forum to sustain the long-term operation and contributions of the historical societies in Manningham, recognising the depth of local knowledge, materials and documents owned by the historical societies, as an invaluable community resource to the residents and visitors of	Quarterly meetings	One Councillor to be appointed who acts as Chairperson.	<i>Cr Carli Lange</i>	<i>Appointed Councillor</i>

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Liveable Places and Spaces Advisory Committee	To provide community representation and advice regarding the implementation of the Liveable City Strategy 2040 (LCS).	Quarterly meetings	At least two (up to three) Councillors appointed annually. One who acts as Chairperson and one as Deputy Chairperson.	<i>Cr Geoff Gough</i> <i>Cr Anna Chen</i> <i>Cr Jim Grivas</i>	<i>Cr Geoff Gough</i>
Manningham Community Fund Grants Panel	The biennial Manningham Community Fund was formally established in 2008 between Council and the Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation for the benefit of eligible community organisations in Manningham.	As necessary on dates and times as determined by the Council.	Mayor and one Councillor to be appointed. Mayor is Chairperson.	<i>Mayor</i> <i>Cr Carli Lange</i>	<i>Mayor</i>
Multicultural Communities Advisory Committee	The Manningham Multicultural Communities Advisory Committee (MCAC) will provide strategic advice to Council on how to understand and respond to the needs of people from multicultural communities, in achieving the goals of Manningham's Council Plan 2025-2029 (or subsequent Council Plan) ("Council Plan"). The MCAC will strengthen the voice of people from diverse cultural backgrounds when engaging with Council, and support the community to be inclusive for all Manningham residents.	Quarterly meetings	At least one Councillor appointed annually who acts as Chairperson  Substitute representative where Chairperson is absent.	<i>Cr Isabella Eltaha</i> <i>Cr Carli Lange</i>	<i>Cr Isabella Eltaha</i>
Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee (MEMPC)	MEMPC is a multi-agency collaboration group whose members bring organisation, industry or personal expertise to the task of developing a comprehensive emergency management plan for the municipality.  The MEMPC, under the <i>Emergency Management Act 2013</i> operates strategically to ensure comprehensive and collaborative planning occurs at municipal level.  With a focus on preparedness and resilience, municipal planning applies risk-based analysis to mitigate or reduce the	Quarterly in February, May, August and November.	One Councillor to be appointed to act as a Core Voting Member on behalf of the community.	<i>Cr Carli Lange</i>	<i>Director City Services or Delegate</i>

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	consequences of emergencies on the built, economic, social and natural environments and improve community outcomes.				
Municipal Fire Management Planning Committee (MFMP)	The purpose of the Municipal Fire Management Planning Committee is to coordinate, develop and implement through its membership plans to reduce the likelihood and impact of fire, establish plans and actions to respond and recover from fire and assist planning for the usage of fire for environmental and public safety benefits across the municipality.	Quarterly in February, May, August and November.	One Councillor to be appointed to act as non-core, non-voting member.	<i>Cr Carli Lange</i>	<i>Commander, Country Fire Authority – North East Region – District 13</i>
Reconciliation Action Plan Yarning Circle	To support the development, endorsement and implementation of the Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP)	Quarterly meetings	A member of the senior leadership team will serve as Chairperson.	<i>Cr Laura Mayne</i> <i>Cr Isabella Eltaha</i>	A member of the senior leadership team will serve as Chairperson.
Recreation and Sport Advisory Committee	The Manningham Recreation and Sport Advisory Committee (RASAC) will provide strategic advice to Council on the development, implementation and monitoring of Manningham’s Recreation Strategy. The RASAC will support Council to address key and emerging recreation and sport issues for the Manningham community.	Quarterly meetings	At least two Councillors appointed. One as Chairperson and another Councillor as Deputy Chairperson.	<i>Cr Andrew Conlon</i> <i>Cr Laura Mayne</i> <i>Cr Jim Grivas</i>	<i>Cr Andrew Conlon</i>
Youth Advisory Committee	The Manningham Youth Advisory Committee (MYAC) provides the opportunity for young people aged 15 to 25 years to contribute to the development of Council plans and policies. This will strengthen the voice of young people to be reflected in key strategic documents and directions.	A minimum of 5 meetings per year. Additional meetings as required.	At least one Councillor appointed annually by Council including the co-Chairperson.	<i>Cr Laura Mayne</i> <i>Cr Anna Chen</i> <i>Cr Isabella Eltaha</i>	<i>Nominated committee Chairperson assisted by Cr Laura Mayne</i>

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Australian Local Government Women's Association - Victoria (ALGWA-Vic)	ALGWA seeks to strengthen networking, mentoring and innovative opportunities that encourage and support women in local government.	Annual General Meeting and Special General Meetings as required	One Councillor to be appointed.	<i>Cr Laura Mayne</i>
Eastern Affordable Housing Alliance (EAHA)	EAHA was established in 2010 to ensure the most disadvantaged people in the Eastern Metropolitan Region (EMR) can access safe, secure, affordable housing to enable better health outcomes and higher quality of life for all. It aims to contribute to increasing the numbers of social and affordable housing dwellings in the EMR.	4 meetings per year Thursdays @ 6pm  Rotated around Knox, Manningham & Whitehorse	One Councillor to be appointed.	<i>Cr Peter Bain</i>
Eastern Region Group of Councils (ERG)	ERG is a representative regional body whose membership comprises five local government authorities in eastern metropolitan Melbourne; Knox, Maroondah, Monash, Whitehorse and Yarra Ranges.  The ERG works collaboratively on issues of common significance, importance and priority through advocacy, protection, research and integrated planning on behalf of the communities of the eastern metropolitan region.	6 meetings per year Thursdays @ 6pm  Rotated around Knox, Manningham, Maroondah, Monash & Whitehorse	Mayor and one Councillor (for the remaining Council term - 3 years)	<i>Mayor Cr Deirdre Diamante (for 2026-2028)</i>
Eastern Transport Coalition (ETC)	ETC will advocate for accessible and integrated transport in the eastern region of Melbourne to improve liveability and reduce car dependency.	Bi-Monthly  Rotates around the Eastern Region	One Councillor to be appointed.	<i>Cr Anna Chen</i>
Metropolitan Transport Forum (MTF)	MTF aims to promote and work for sustainable, equitable and efficient transport options across metropolitan Melbourne.	First Wednesday of every month @ 6pm Melbourne Town Hall.	One Councillor and one Officer to be appointed.	<i>Cr Anna Chen</i>

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Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV)	<p>The MAV is a Victoria wide group, constituted by an Act of Parliament and is the peak association representing Victorian Councils.</p> <p>Councillor representatives have an opportunity to be elected on to the Board which coordinates the activities of the MAV through its Chief Executive Officer. Various committees and special interest groups meet on an irregular basis depending on the issues of the day.</p>	<p>Attendance at MAV State Council in May &amp; October.</p> <p>Attendance at Quarterly Metro East Region meeting.</p>	One Councillor to be appointed as Council representative and one Councillor to be appointed as substitute Council representative.	<p><i>Cr Jim Grivas</i></p> <p><i>Cr Carli Lange (substitute)</i></p>
Northern Alliance for Greenhouse Action (NAGA) Executive Committee	<p>NAGA's members are the Cities of Banyule, Darebin, Hume, Manningham, Melbourne, Moreland, Whittlesea, Yarra and Nillumbik Shire Council.</p> <p>NAGA's goal is to substantially contribute to the transition to a low-carbon future by sharing information, delivering effective programs and leveraging local government, community and business action.</p>	Quarterly, with at least three meetings held each year.	One Councillor to be appointed.	<i>Cr Isabella Eltaha</i>
Victorian Local Governance Association (VLGA)	The VLGA is an independent organisation supporting councils and councillors in good governance. They provide opportunities for councillor networking, professional development and information exchange. The VLGA also actively engages with key policymakers and broader stakeholders to inform, influence and lead the conversations that determine the priorities for the local government sector in Victoria.	As determined by the VLGA	All Councillors of a member Council	<i>All 9 Councillors</i>

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Whitehorse Manningham Regional Library Corporation (WMRLC)	The WMRLC provides resources and programs aimed at meeting the information, recreational, educational and cultural needs of the diverse communities of Manningham and Whitehorse in an equitable, effective, efficient, responsive and forward looking manner.	Fourth Wednesday of every 3rd month @ 4pm Whitehorse	Two Councillors to be appointed for a two-year period.	<i>Cr Andrew Conlon</i> <i>Cr Jim Grivas</i>