

Extract of the Confidential Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 28 March 2017

7.2 Notice of Motion, Lord Mayor Robert Doyle – Consideration of ex gratia payment towards Mr Michael Caiafa's legal costs

1. *That Council:*
 - 1.1. *Resolves to provide an ex gratia financial contribution to Mr Michael Caiafa of up to \$20,000 on production by Mr Caiafa of legal invoices greater than this amount, less any amount owing to Council, towards the legal costs he incurred, whilst a Councillor, in being represented at both the Magistrates Court and the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal resulting from the Victorian Electoral Commissioner's action in relation to the 2016 Melbourne City Council elections.*
 - 1.2. *Notes that this ex gratia payment is only being made for expenses incurred whilst Mr Michael Caiafa was a Councillor and because he was not at fault or found guilty of any offence.*
 - 1.3. *Resolves to adopt as a principle moving forward that:*
 - 1.3.1. *Claims for ex gratia payments of this nature relating to Councillors will only be considered for expenses incurred whilst holding the office of Melbourne City Councillor.*
 - 1.3.2. *Approval should be sought prior to any Councillor incurring legal costs.*
 - 1.3.3. *Claims should only be considered for an ex gratia payment where the Councillor is not found guilty of any offence or breach.*
 - 1.4. *Resolves to make this resolution public following the Council meeting.*