

Major committees

Audit and Risk Committee

Our Audit and Risk Management Committee was established under the *Local Government Act 1989*. The committee was disestablished upon establishment of the Audit and Risk Committee under the *Local Government Act 2020* (the 'Act').

The committee charter was adopted on 13 May 2020 with the first meeting held on 23 June 2020. Pursuant to section 53(2) of the Act, the committee is an advisory committee of Moreland Council.

The Audit and Risk Committee was established to strengthen our governance, risk management and financial management and to drive continuous improvement.

The committee helps us discharge our responsibilities under the Act to:

- monitor the compliance of council policies and procedures with:
 - the overarching governance principles
 - the Act and the regulations and any ministerial directions
 - other relevant laws and regulations
- monitor internal controls
- monitor council financial and performance reporting
- monitor and provide advice on risk management and fraud prevention systems and controls
- oversee internal audit function
- oversee external audit functions
- monitor related party transactions.

The current committee has 7 members. These are:

- an independent chair, John Watson
- 3 independent members, Craig Burke, Joelle Tabone and Lisa Tripodi
- 3 councillors, Cr Mark Riley, Cr Lambros Tapinos and Cr Oscar Yildiz. Cr John Kavanagh and Cr Ali Irfanli were councillor members from October 2018 to September 2019.

Five meetings were held during 2019-20, the following councillors attended:

- 3 September 2019 – Cr John Kavanagh and Cr Mark Riley
- 17 September 2019 (special meeting) – Cr Ali Irfanli and Cr Mark Riley
- 3 December 2019 – Cr Lambros Tapinos, Cr Mark Riley and Cr Oscar Yildiz
- 24 March 2020 – Cr Mark Riley
- 23 June 2020 – Cr Lambros Tapinos, Cr Mark Riley and Cr Oscar Yildiz.

Special committees

There were no special committees established by Moreland Council operating in 2019-20.