

ROLE

- Temporary advisers are suitably qualified persons who have relevant expertise in the area of the matter the subject of the performance improvement order.
- The functions of a temporary adviser are generally:
 - To provide advice and assistance to the council for the purpose of ensuring that it complies with the performance improvement order, and
 - To monitor the council's compliance with the performance improvement order.
- Other functions may be specified in the order by which the temporary adviser is appointed.

TERM OF APPOINTMENT

- A temporary adviser's term of appointment will be specified in the relevant performance improvement order, or by subsequent order, but will not exceed the period for compliance with the performance improvement order.
- The Minister for Local Government may terminate a temporary adviser's appointment at any time.

TIME COMMITMENT

- The temporary adviser is expected to commit the necessary time to effectively assist and advise the council on the implementation of the performance improvement order.

OBLIGATIONS

- The temporary adviser is expected to act in accordance with the standards of conduct provided in the Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW. Complaints about the conduct of a temporary adviser are made to the Chief Executive of the Division of Local Government.
- The temporary adviser's ongoing appointment is subject to satisfactory performance.

PAYMENT

- Temporary advisers are appointed at the council's cost. The council is responsible for determining the payments to an adviser/members of an advisory panel where an adviser is appointed on the recommendation of the council. Where there is a dispute, the Chief Executive will determine the payment to be made to the adviser/s.
- Where the temporary adviser is appointed on the Minister's own initiative, the payment is determined by the Minister and paid from the council's funds.

COUNCIL SUPPORT AND CO-OPERATION

- The council will provide facilities sufficient for the temporary adviser to perform their duties.
- The council, councillors and members of the staff of the council are required to co-operate with the temporary adviser and to provide any information or assistance the temporary adviser reasonably requires to exercise their functions. (section 438H)

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

- The temporary adviser will be provided with an opportunity to review any proposed compliance report at least 14 days before it is given to the Minister. (section 438H)
- The council is to provide the Minister with a copy of any comments on the compliance report made by the temporary adviser.