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The following sections within the Governance Rules have been identified as areas requiring amendment:

Section	Amendment
Section 4.1 Definitions for Governance Rules	Authorised Officer definition deleted
Section 12 Election of the Mayor	<p>12.1 to read: “The Chief Executive Officer must open the meeting at which the Mayor is to be elected and invite nominations for the office of Mayor from those Councillors present”.</p> <p>12.2 to read: “Nominations for the office of Mayor do not require a seconder”.</p> <p>12.2.1 to read: “The Chief Executive Officer shall ask each nominee, other than when self-nominated, if they accept the nomination”.</p> <p>12.3 to read: “Once nominations for the office of Mayor have been received and accepted, the following provisions will govern the election of the Mayor:”</p>
Section 35 Question Time	<p>35.7 to read:</p> <p>“If the person who has submitted the question is not present at the meeting, either in person or virtually, the question will not be read out. A response will be made directly to the person who submitted the question”.</p>
Section 36 Petitions & Joint Letters	<p>36.2.7 to read: “a petition must be received 30 hours prior to the Council meeting”.</p> <p>36.5 amended to refer to petitions being presented to <i>ordinary scheduled meetings only</i>.</p>
Section 37 Representations & Deputations	37.10 amended to requires those wishing to make representation or deputations on an item on the Council meeting agenda must be made <i>30 hours prior to the Council meeting</i> .
Chapter Four Election Period Policy	<p>The policy has been reformatted to bring it into line with the standard policy format for Strathbogie Shire Council.</p> <p>The major substantive changes relate to:</p> <p>1. ‘Purpose’ to read</p> <p><i>The Local Government Act 2020</i> (the Act) requires the Council to include and adopt an Election Period Policy (Policy) in its Governance Rules.</p>

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	<p>The purpose of this policy is to ensure transparency and accountability around the behaviour and actions of Councillors, Council officers, contractors, registered Council volunteers and candidates during an election period.</p> <p>The 'election period' as defined by the Act for the 2024 local government elections will commence on 24 September 2024 and end at 6 pm on election day, 26 October 2024.</p> <p>5. Definitions – 'definition of Election period' to read</p> <p>means the period that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• starts at the time that nominations close on nomination day, and• ends at 6 pm on election day <p>For the 2024 Local Government election, the election period commences on:</p> <p>24 September 2024 and ends at 6 pm on election day, 26 October 2024</p>
Other	Other formatting and editing changes as required.