

# Corporate & Works Committee Minutes

Monday 5 June 2006

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# Corporate & Works Committee Minutes

**Minutes of the Meeting held on  
Monday 5 June 2006 at 6.00pm**

Present: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Marcus Ehrlich (arrived during item D2)

Councillors      John Walker (Chair)  
                         Tanya Excell  
                         Wilhelmina Gardner  
                         Keri Huxley  
                         Fiona Sinclair King (arrived during item D2)

Staff:                      G Clarke              (Director – Corporate Services)  
                                 W Hatton              (Director – Technical Services)  
                                 G James              (General Manager)  
                                 D Johnston          (Manager Finance)  
                                 K Walshe              (Director – Community Services)

Also in Attendance:      Nil

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## **Leave of Absence**

Leave of Absence previously granted by Council: The Mayor, Councillor Andrew Petrie

Apologies: Nil

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## **Late Correspondence**

Late correspondence was submitted to the committee in relation to Items: D2, D3 and R2

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## **Declarations of Interest**

Nil

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**Items Decided by this Committee using its Delegated Authority (Items D1 to D3)**

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**Item No:** D1 Delegated to Committee  
**Subject:** **Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 22 May 2006**  
**Author:** Les Windle, Manager – Governance  
**File No:** See Council Minutes  
**Reason for Report:** The Minutes of the Meeting of Monday 22 May 2006 were previously circulated. In accordance with the guidelines for Committees' operations it is now necessary that those Minutes be formally taken as read and confirmed.

(Excell/Huxley)

**Resolved:**

That the Minutes of the Corporate and Works Committee Meeting of 22 May 2006 be taken as read and confirmed.

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**Item No:** D2 Delegated to Committee  
**Subject:** **WorkChoices Impact on Council**  
**Author:** Nita Carthew  
Manager - Human Resources  
**File No:**  
**Reason for Report:** To update Council on the current impact of the WorkChoices legislation

**Note:** In accordance with Councils meeting procedures this matter has been called to the full Council by Councillor Shoebridge for further consideration for the reason that the matter is of general concern for the Council and the community. (see item R3)

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**Item No:** D3 Delegated to Committee  
**Subject:** **Retail Electricity**  
**Author:** Joe Cavagnino - Purchasing Coordinator  
**File No:** 154.G  
**Reason for Report:** To recommend Council renew the Department of Commerce contract with EnergyAustralia for the supply of streetlighting and conventional retail electricity.

**Note:** In accordance with Councils meeting procedures this matter has been called to the full Council by Councillor Shoebridge for further consideration for the reason that there are uncertainties in the resolution and a lack of clarity in the report. (see item R4)

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**Items with Recommendations from this Committee  
Submitted to the Council for Decision (Items R1 to R4)**

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**Item No:** R1 Recommendation to Council  
**Subject:** **Loan Borrowing**  
**Author:** Don Johnston, Manager Finance  
**File No:** 331G 2005/2006  
**Reason for Report:** To obtain approval to raise the loan required in the 2005/2006 Budget

**(Ehrlich/Sinclair King)**

**Recommendation:**

1. THAT Council authorises the raising of a \$3.07m loan as required in the 2005/2006 Budget
2. THAT the General Manager be authorised to accept the most favourable quotation for a loan on the following terms:  
  
Loan amount: \$3,070,000  
Term: 10 years  
Repayments: Semi annual
3. THAT The Council Seal be affixed to the loan documentation as required.

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**Item No:** R2 Recommendation to Council  
**Subject:** **Adoption of the Policy and Guidelines for Communicating and Consulting with the Community**  
**Author:** Kylie Walshe  
**File No:** 941.G  
**Reason for Report:** Presentation of submissions received following the public exhibition period and recommending amendments to the draft Policy and Guidelines.

**Note:** Late correspondence was tabled at the meeting from The Vaucluse Progress Association.

**Motion moved by Councillor Ehrlich  
Seconded by Councillor Huxley**

That the recommendation be adopted.

**Amendment moved by Councillor Excell  
Seconded by Councillor Gardner**

That Council adopt the draft Policy and Guidelines for Communicating and Consulting with the Community as the adopted policy and guidelines in this area, with amendments as recommended in Annexure 2 of this report and further that all new policies be placed on public exhibition unless Council determines that it is not in the public interest to do so.

**The Amendment was put and lost.**

**The Motion was adopted.**

**Recommendation:**

That Council adopt the draft Policy and Guidelines for Communicating and Consulting with the Community as the adopted policy and guidelines in this area, with amendments as recommended in Annexure 2 of this report.

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**Item No:** R3 Recommended to Council

**Subject:** **WorkChoices Impact on Council**

**Author:** Nita Carthew  
Manager - Human Resources

**File No:**

**Reason for Report:** To update Council on the current impact of the WorkChoices legislation

**Note:** In accordance with Councils meeting procedures this matter has been called to the full Council by Councillor Shoebridge for further consideration for the reason that the matter is a matter of general concern for the Council and the community.

**(Walker/Sinclair King)**

**Recommendation:**

That a report be prepared for further consideration by the Council on how the provisions of the Workplace Relations Amendment (WorkChoices) Act 2005 and Workplace Relations Regulations 2006 can be implemented by the General Manager for the benefit of Council's service provision to its residents and ratepayers and Council's overall financial position without disadvantaging Council's staff and resulting in Woollahra Municipal Council becoming a model employer.

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**Item No:** R4 Recommended to Council  
**Subject:** **Retail Electricity**  
**Author:** Joe Cavagnino - Purchasing Coordinator  
**File No:** 154.G  
**Reason for Report:** To recommend Council renew the Department of Commerce contract with EnergyAustralia for the supply of streetlighting and conventional retail electricity.

**Note:** In accordance with Councils meeting procedures this matter has been called to the full Council by Councillor Shoebridge for further consideration for the reason that there are uncertainties in the resolution and a lack of clarity in the report.

**Note:** Late correspondence was tabled at the meeting from Council's Purchasing Coordinator, Joe Cavagnino

(Excell/Huxley)

**Recommendation:**

1. That Council accept the Department of Commerce contract with Energy Australia for the supply of retail electricity for the period 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2009.
2. That Council purchase 6% DEUS Accredited Green Power, for street lighting and/or retail large sites.
3. That the late correspondence be reissued for the Council Meeting

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There being no further business the meeting concluded at 7.26pm.

*We certify that the pages numbered 928 to 934 inclusive are the Minutes of the Corporate & Works Committee Meeting held on 5 June 2006 and confirmed by the Corporate & Works Committee on 19 June 2006 as correct.*

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**Chairperson**

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**Secretary of Committee**