

Corporate & Works Committee Minutes

Monday 21 March 2011

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**Minutes of the Meeting held on
Monday 21 March 2011 at 6.02pm**

Present: Her Worship The Mayor, Councillor Isabelle Shapiro ex-officio
Councillors Andrew Petrie (Chair)
Sean Carmichael
Susan Jarnason
Greg Medcraft
Ian Plater
David Shoebridge

Staff: Stephen Dunshea (Director – Corporate Services)
Gary James (General Manager)
Don Johnston (Manager Finance)
Tom O’Hanlon (Director – Technical Services)
Vicki Munro (Acting Director – Community Services)
Helen Tola (Acting Manager – Governance)
Susan Turner (Manager Community Development)

Also in Attendance: Councillor Peter Cavanagh (in part Item D4)
Councillor Nicola Grieve (in part Item D4)

Leave of Absence

Leave of Absence previously granted by Council: Councillor Anthony Boskovitz

Apologies: Nil

Late Correspondence

Late correspondence was submitted to the committee in relation to Items: D4

Declarations of Interest

Nil

Items Decided by this Committee using its Delegated Authority (Items D1 to D10)

- Item No:** D1 Delegated to Committee
- Subject:** **Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 7 March 2011**
- Author:** Les Windle, Manager – Governance
- File No:** See Council Minutes
- Reason for Report:** The Minutes of the Meeting of Monday 7 March 2011 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.
- Note:** Councillor Plater did not agree with the minutes (relating to Item D3) and requested that this be noted.

(Petrie/Carmichael)

Resolved:

That the Minutes of the Corporate and Works Committee Meeting of 21 March 2011 be taken as read and confirmed.

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- Item No:** D2 Delegated to Committee
- Subject:** **Monthly Financial Report – February 2011**
- Author:** Don Johnston, Manager Finance
- File No:** 349G
- Reason for Report:** To present the monthly financial report for February 2011

(Carmichael/Shapiro)

Resolved:

That the monthly financial report for February 2011 be received and noted.

Item No: D3 Delegated to Committee
Subject: **2011/2012 Draft Rating Structures**
Author: Don Johnston, Manager Finance
File No: 87G 2012 & 331G 2011/2012
Reason for Report: To provide an overview of Council's current Rating Structure and to consider Rating Structures (with and without a special rate variation) for inclusion in the Draft 2009-2013 Delivery Program and 2011/2012 Operational Plan.

**Motion moved by Councillor Plater
Seconded by Councillor Medcraft**

That the staff recommendation be adopted.

**Amendment moved by Councillor Shoebridge
Seconded by Councillor Jarnason**

THAT the following rating structures be included in the draft Delivery Program 2009 to 2013 and Operational Plan 2011/12 for the purposes of public exhibition:

Scenario 1 - Including a 9.82% special rate variation to raise \$2,089,111:

1. An increase in the total rates of 9.82% (being the 2.8% rate peg limit plus 5.84% to continue Council's Environmental & Infrastructure Renewal Levy plus 1.18% to recover extraordinary increases in Emergency management Contributions) as in Annexure 2;
2. Retention of the current rating structure being:
 - i. Residential - No increase in the base rate amount for 2011/12 with the full rate increase being applied to the ad valorem component;
 - ii. Business - ad valorem subject to a minimum rate;
 - iii. Environmental & Infrastructure Renewal Levy – 50% base amount plus 50% ad valorem;
3. Continuation of the Council pensioner rebate of 100% of the Environmental & Infrastructure Renewal Levy for all eligible pensioners

And

Scenario 2 – An increase in rates of 2.8% only in line with the rate peg less the partial expiry of the Environmental & Infrastructure Renewal Levy:

1. An increase in the total rates of 2.8% less the partial expiry of the Environmental & Infrastructure Renewal Levy as in Annexure 3;
2. Retention of the current rating structure being:
 - i. Residential - No increase in the base rate amount for 2011/12 with the full rate increase being applied to the ad valorem component;
 - ii. Business – ad valorem subject to a minimum rate;
 - iii. Environmental & Infrastructure Renewal Levy – 50% base amount plus 50% ad valorem;

3. Continuation of the Council pensioner rebate of 100% of the Environmental & Infrastructure Renewal Levy for all eligible pensioners

The Amendment was put and lost.

The Motion was put and carried.

(Plater/Medcraft)

Resolved:

THAT the following rating structures be included in the draft Delivery Program 2009 to 2013 and Operational Plan 2011/12 for the purposes of public exhibition:

Scenario 1 - Including a 9.82% special rate variation to raise \$2,089,111:

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3. Continuation of the Council pensioner rebate of 100% of the Environmental & Infrastructure Renewal Levy for all eligible pensioners.

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 - i. Residential - 50% base amount plus 50% ad valorem;
 - ii. Business – ad valorem subject to a minimum rate;
 - iii. Environmental & Infrastructure Renewal Levy – 50% base amount plus 50% ad valorem;
3. Continuation of the Council pensioner rebate of 100% of the Environmental & Infrastructure Renewal Levy for all eligible pensioners.

- Item No:** D4 Delegated to Committee
- Subject:** **Draft Delivery Program 2009 to 2013 and Operational Plan 2011/2012 Incorporating the Draft 2011/2012 Budget**
- Author:** Helen Tola, Governance & Corporate Planning Coordinator
Don Johnston, Manager Finance
- File No:** 87G 2012, 331G 2011/12
- Reason for Report:** To present an updated draft Delivery Program 2009 to 2013 and Operational Plan 2011/2012 following consideration by relevant Committees and further information in response to earlier Committee resolutions relating to the 2011/2012 Budget.
- Note:** In accordance with Council's meeting procedures and policy this matter is referred to full Council due to a substantive change of the Committee's recommendation.
(See Item R1)
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**Items with Recommendations from this Committee
Submitted to the Council for Decision (Item R1)**

- Item No:** R1 Delegated to Committee
- Subject:** **Draft Delivery Program 2009 to 2013 and Operational Plan 2011/2012 Incorporating the Draft 2011/2012 Budget**
- Author:** Helen Tola, Governance & Corporate Planning Coordinator
Don Johnston, Manager Finance
- File No:** 87G 2012, 331G 2011/12
- Reason for Report:** To present an updated draft Delivery Program 2009 to 2013 and Operational Plan 2011/2012 following consideration by relevant Committees and further information in response to earlier Committee resolutions relating to the 2011/2012 Budget.
- Note:** In accordance with Council's meeting procedures and policy this matter is referred to full Council due to a substantive change of the Committee's recommendation.
- Note:** Late correspondence was tabled by Stephen Dunshea, Director Corporate Services and Michael Ryan CEO Holdsworth Community Centre.
- Note:** Claire Wivell-Plater Chairperson of the Holdsworth Community Centre and Michael Ryan, CEO of the Holdsworth Community Centre addressed the Committee.

(Shoebridge/Plater)**Recommendation:**

1. THAT the Committee note that the Special Rate Variation Approval Budget Scenario (retention of the levies) presented to the Corporate & Works Committee at its meeting on 7 March 2011 and now incorporated into the draft DPOP, was prepared with its principle strategy being to provide sufficient funding for all continuing services, essential service expansions, infrastructure renewal and capital improvements at similar levels and ratios, and maintenance of an adequate working capital balance.
2. THAT Council's Special Rate Variation application impress upon IPART the Woollahra Community's strong support for the continuation of existing service delivery and retention of the existing levies paid for the past 5 years for environmental & infrastructure renewal and service standards, which is highlighted through recent Community Survey results.
3. THAT the Special Rate Variation Non-Approval Scenario Budget (removal of the levies funding) be included in the Draft Delivery Program 2009 to 2013 and Operational Plan 2011/12 on the basis of not funding the infrastructure renewal program to the value of the Special Rate Variation application, i.e. \$2.089 million.
4. THAT the resolutions from the Urban Planning and Community & Environment Committees endorsing the inclusion of actions considered by them in the Draft Delivery Program 2009 to 2013 and Operational Plan 2011/12 be received and noted.
5. THAT the 2011/2012 Draft Schedule of Fees & Charges be updated with the following structure of the Advertising & Neighbour Notification Fee:

Value of Works	Fee
Less than \$100,000	\$224
\$100,000 - \$499,999	\$400
\$500,000 - \$749,999	\$530
\$750,000 and above	\$830 (maximum fee permitted)

6. THAT, in light of funding requests received from the Holdsworth Community Centre (including the impacts of the equal pay case) and the Paddington Business Partnership and pending a staff report being presented in relation to future usage of the EJ Ward Centre, the surplus funds identified in the report be held until a review of these matters is completed.
7. The Committee note that in the event of an unsuccessful Special Rate Variation Application, significant funding cuts will be required for priority items in the budget. Council will need to undertake a comprehensive review of its long term financial plan given the significant impact such a decision will have on both operational and capital funding.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 7.30pm.

We certify that the pages numbered 565 to 573 inclusive are the Minutes of the Corporate & Works Committee Meeting held on 21 March 2011 and confirmed by the Corporate & Works Committee on 4 April 2011 as correct.

Chairperson

Secretary of Committee