

Corporate & Works Committee Minutes

Monday 16 March 2009

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**Minutes of the Meeting held on
Monday 16 March 2009 at 6.00pm**

Present: Councillors Greg Medcraft (Chair)
 Anthony Boskovitz
 Peter Cavanagh
 Nicola Grieve
 Ian Plater

Staff: S Dunshea (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

Leave of Absence

Leave of Absence previously granted by Council: Councillor Isabelle Shapiro

Apologies: Nil

Late Correspondence

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

Declarations of Interest

Nil

Items Decided by this Committee using its Delegated Authority (Items D1 to D4)

Item No: D1 Delegated to Committee
Subject: **Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 2 March 2009**
Author: Les Windle, Manager – Governance
File No: See Council Minutes
Reason for Report: The Minutes of the Meeting of Monday 2 March 2009 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.

(Cavanagh/Plater)

Resolved:

That the Minutes of the Corporate and Works Committee Meeting of 2 March 2009 be taken as read and confirmed.

Item No: D2 Delegated to Committee
Subject: **Options for Council to obtain equipment through the Local Government Procurement Service (LGP)**
Author: Kelley Ambrose – Purchasing Coordinator
File No: 269.G
Reason for Report: To submit a report on the options for Council to obtain equipment through the tendering of the Local Government Procurement service associated with the Local Government Association, as per Council resolution on 9 February 2009.

(Cavanagh/Plater)

Resolved:

1. That Council continues to participate in SSROC service and supply agreements where such agreements are based on the committed volumes of participating Councils.
2. That where there are no suitable SSROC agreements, all LGP and Department of Commerce agreements be considered as an alternative to tendering.
3. That LGP and Strategic Purchasing tender services be assessed with view to potential savings in future equipment and service acquisitions.

Item No: D3 Delegated to Committee
Subject: **Monthly Financial Report – February 2009**
Author: Don Johnston, Manager Finance
File No:
Reason for Report: To present the monthly financial report for February 2009

(Cavanagh/Plater)

Resolved:

THAT the monthly financial report for February 2009 be received and noted.

Item No: D4 Delegated to Committee
Subject: **Draft Fees & Charges Schedule for 2009/2010**
Author: Tracey Walker, Systems and Management Accountant
File No: 331G 2009/2010
Reason for Report: To provide the draft Schedule of Fees & Charges to the Committee for formal consideration for inclusion in the Draft Management Plan for the purposes of public exhibition.

(Cavanagh/Plater)

Resolved:

THAT the Draft Fees & Charges Schedule for 2009/2010 attached as Annexure A to this report be included in the Draft Management Plan for the purposes of public exhibition.

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

Item No: R1 Recommendation to Council
Subject: 2009/2010 Rating Structure
Author: Don Johnston, Manager Finance
File No: 87G 2010 & 331G 2009/2010
Reason for Report: To provide an overview of Council's Rating Structure and to consider a Rating Structure and special variation application for inclusion in the Draft 2009-2012 Management Plan

Motion moved by Councillor Grieve

That the recommendation be adopted subject to the full rate increase to be applied to the ad valorem component of the rating structure only.

The Motion lapsed for the want of a Seconder.

(Plater/Cavanagh)

Recommendation:

- A. That the following rating structure be included in the draft 2009-12 Management Plan:
1. An increase in the Residential and Business general rates and the Environmental & Infrastructure Renewal Levy special rate of 3.5% as forecast in the 2009/2010 Draft Budget as the permissible increase has not yet been determined by the Minister for Local Government;
 2. Retention of the current rating structure while increasing the yield from each sub-category of rates by 3.5%, subject to announcement of the permissible increase;
 3. Continuation of the Council pensioner rebate of 100% of the Environmental & Infrastructure Renewal Levy for all eligible pensioners
- B. That, should the Minister announce a permissible increase of other than 3.5%, the rating structure be amended to take up the full amount of that increase and a further report be presented to the Corporate & Works Committee on any subsequent changes to the draft budget.
- C. That Council make application under Section 508(2) of the Local Government Act 1993 for an ongoing special rate variation of 2.55% above the permissible increase to offset the impost of substantial increases in its contribution to the NSW Fire Brigades and Streetlighting Charges in the amount of \$754,000 to restore its financial capacity for service delivery.
- D. That a further report be presented to the Corporate & Works Committee on any subsequent changes to the draft budget in the event the special variation application under Section 508(2) is not approved.
- E. That, in making the above special variation application, Council also apply to increase its minimum business rate by the permissible increase plus 2.55%.
- F. That it be noted that the proposed special variation will result in an average increase per rateable property of less than \$30 per annum and an average increase in total rates of less than \$70 per annum, or \$1.30 per week (assuming a 3.5% permissible increase).

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 6.47pm.

We certify that the pages numbered 1162 to 1168 inclusive are the Minutes of the Corporate & Works Committee Meeting held on 16 March 2009 and confirmed by the Corporate & Works Committee on 30 March 2009 as correct.

Chairperson

Secretary of Committee