

# MINUTES

of

## Audit Committee Meeting of the



**Adelaide  
Plains  
Council**

Pursuant to the provisions of section 88 (1) of the  
*Local Government Act 1999*

HELD IN

**Council Chambers  
Redbanks Road  
Mallala**

on

**Monday, 11 September 2017**



The Chairman formally declared the meeting open at 11.03am

1. **ATTENDANCE**

1.1 **Present**

Chairman John Comrie  
Mr Peter Fairlie-Jones  
Mayor A J (Tony) Flaherty OAM

Also in attendance for the meeting:

Chief Executive Officer	Mr James Miller
General Manager – Infrastructure	Mr Martin Waddington
Finance Coordinator	Mr Gary Graham
Asset Management Officer	Mr Tom Jones
Minute Secretary	Ms Vicki Weaver
Skilmar Systems Pty Ltd	Mr David Hope

1.2 **Apologies**

Cr Melville Lawrence

1.3 **Not Present / Leave of Absence**

Cr Stephen Jones

2. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

2.1 **Committee Resolution** **2017/ 043**

Moved Mayor Flaherty                      Seconded Mr Fairlie-Jones

**“that the minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 15 August 2017 (MB Folios 56 to 61, inclusive), be accepted as read and confirmed.”**

**CARRIED**

3. **BUSINESS ARISING**

4. **REPORTS FOR DECISION**

4.1 **Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority Review – Prudential Assessment – Withdrawal from the Authority**

**Committee Resolution** **2017/ 044**

Moved Mayor Flaherty                      Seconded Mr Fairlie-Jones

**“that the Audit Committee recommends to Council that Council, having considered Item 4.1 - *Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority Review – Prudential Assessment – Withdrawal from the Authority*, dated 11 September 2017 receives and notes the report and in doing so endorses the actions of the**

Chief Executive Officer to obtain independent advice from Mr David Hope of Skilmar Systems Pty Ltd.”

CARRIED

4.1 Committee Resolution 2017/ 045

Moved Mayor Flaherty Seconded Mr Fairlie-Jones

“that the Audit Committee recommend to Council that Council, having considered Item 4.1 - *Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority Review – Prudential Assessment – Withdrawal from the Authority*, dated 11 September 2017, formally receives Mr Hope’s report entitled *Some Considerations of the Proposal by Adelaide Plains Council to Withdraw from the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority*, and in doing so acknowledges that in pursuing the notion of withdrawing from the GRFMA, Adelaide Plains Council will be exposed to a number of major risks, including but not limited to:-

1. GRFMA ceases as an entity;
2. Loss of capacity to influence upstream works;
3. Adverse impact on the Northern Adelaide Plains food bowl;
4. Potential increased costs to the Adelaide Plains’ ratepayers;
5. Adverse Ministerial response; and
6. Reputational risk.”

CARRIED

4.1 Committee Resolution 2017/ 046

Moved Mr Fairlie-Jones Seconded Mayor Flaherty

“that the Audit Committee recommend to Council that Council, having considered Item 4.1 - *Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority Review – Prudential Assessment – Withdrawal from the Authority*, dated 11 September 2017, in consideration of the report provided by Mr Hope, and in consideration of the many risks associated with pursuing the withdrawal from the GRFMA, hereby elects to remain one (1) of six (6) constituent councils comprising the regional subsidiary.”

CARRIED

4.1 Committee Resolution 2017/ 047

Moved Mr Fairlie-Jones Seconded Mayor Flaherty

“that the Audit Committee recommends to Council that Council, having considered Item 4.1 - *Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority Review – Prudential Assessment – Withdrawal from the Authority*, dated 11 September 2017, notes that Council Resolution 2017/121, adopted at its meeting held on 15 May 2017, called for Council staff to “...immediately initiate the appropriate procedures to allow Adelaide Plains Council to withdraw from [the] Gawler River



***Floodplain Management Authority.***

Further, Council notes that Council Resolution 2017/152, adopted at its meeting held on 19 June 2017, formally acknowledged “...that in order to progress the actions associated with Council Resolution 2017/121:-

1. *A report be provided to the Council outlining the financial costs and risk associated with proceeding with membership with the GRFMA or alternatively withdrawing from the GRFMA; and*
2. *In consideration of the above, Council duly considers its position in respect of activating Clause 20 of the GRFMA Charter (Dispute Resolution) in regard to the GRFMA’s apparent unwillingness to review Council contributions.*

In resolving not to exit the GRFMA, Council forms the view that this position is not at odds with earlier resolutions of Council and therefore does not require a Notice of Motion to rescind Council Resolution 2017/121.”

CARRIED

4.1 **Committee Resolution** 2017/ 048

Moved Mayor Flaherty                      Seconded Mr Fairlie-Jones

“that the Audit Committee recommend to Council that Council, having considered Item 4.1 - *Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority Review – Prudential Assessment – Withdrawal from the Authority*, dated 11 September 2017, notes Minute GRB 17/061 from the August 2017 Ordinary Meeting of the GRFMA, namely:-

*“The Chair noted it would be opportune to start the consideration process for a GRFMA Charter review and foreshadowed presentation of an agenda report at the next meeting outlining possible terms of reference for a review”.*

In noting the aforementioned resolution, Council fully supports the notion of commencing a review of the GRFMA Charter at the earliest opportunity.”

CARRIED

4.1 **Committee Resolution** 2017/ 049

Moved Mr Fairlie-Jones                      Seconded Mayor Flaherty

“that the Audit Committee recommend to Council that Council, having considered Item 4.1 - *Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority Review – Prudential Assessment – Withdrawal from the Authority*, dated 11 September 2017, notes that at the appropriate time, Council’s Long Term Financial Plan will need to be updated to reflect known financial contributions towards the cost of funding the Northern Floodway.”

CARRIED

4.1 **Committee Resolution** 2017/ 050

Moved Mayor Flaherty                      Seconded Mr Fairlie-Jones

“that the Audit Committee recommend to Council that Council, having considered Item 4.1 - *Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority Review – Prudential Assessment – Withdrawal from the Authority*, dated 11 September 2017, instructs the Chief Executive Officer to prepare a report to the next meeting of the Audit Committee outlining the status of Council’s Risk Management processes and whether or not there is indeed a Risk Management Plan and whether it needs to be updated.”

**CARRIED**

4.2 Waste Collection Service – Internal Cost Model

**Committee Resolution** 2017/ 051

Moved Mayor Flaherty                      Seconded Mr Fairlie-Jones

“that the Audit Committee recommend to Council that Council, having considered Item 4.2 – *Waste Collection Service – Internal Cost Model* dated 11 September 2017, acknowledges the cost calculations as appended to this report and titled ‘Waste Collection Service Internal Cost Analysis’, and in doing so Council understands the importance of referencing these costs when comparing the best offer from the Barossa Procurement Group tender process, closing on the 3 August 2017, with that of Council’s internal cost model herein, which is to be considered at the November 2017 ordinary meeting.”

**CARRIED**

**5. REPORTS FOR INFORMATION**

5.1 No reports for information

**6. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

6.1 No Confidential Items

**7. GENERAL BUSINESS**

7.1 No General Business

**8. NEXT MEETING**

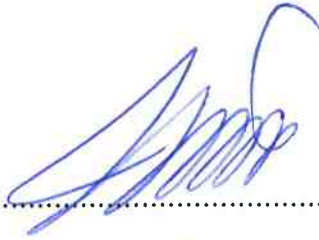
8.1 To be determined



9. **CLOSURE**

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 12.07pm.

Confirmed as a true record.

Chairman:  .....

Date: 6 / 11 / 17