

MINUTES

of the

Audit Committee Meeting

of the



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

HELD IN

**Council Chamber
Redbanks Road
Mallala**

on

Friday 21 June 2019 at 10:00am

The Chief Executive Officer formally declared the meeting open at 10:02am.

1. ATTENDANCE AND WELCOME

1.1 Present

Mr Peter Fairlie-Jones

Mayor Mark Wasley

Deputy Mayor Marcus Strudwicke

Also in Attendance

Chief Executive Officer

Mr James Miller

General Manager – Finance and Economic Development

Mr Rajith Udugampola

Acting General Manager – Governance and Communications/
Minute Taker

Ms Alyssa Denicola

WHS and Risk Officer

Ms Angie-Marie Fuss

1.2 Apologies

Mr Alan Rushbrook

Councillor Margherita Panella

With Committee Chairperson Mr Alan Rushbrook an apology, the Chief Executive Officer sought leave of the meeting for the Committee to appoint a Chairperson for this meeting in accordance with Part 4.1 of the Terms of Reference. Leave was granted.

Appointment of Chairperson

Committee Resolution

Moved Deputy Mayor Strudwicke Seconded Mayor Wasley 2019/014

“that the Audit Committee appoints Mr Peter Fairlie Jones to the role of Chairperson for this meeting, in accordance with Part 4.1 of the Terms of Reference.”

CARRIED

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

2.1 Confirmation of Minutes – Meeting held 29 April 2019

Committee Resolution

Moved Deputy Mayor Strudwicke Seconded Mayor Wasley 2019/015

“that the minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting held on 29 April 2019 (MB Folios 111 to 115 inclusive), be accepted as read and confirmed.”

CARRIED

3. BUSINESS ARISING

Nil

4. ADJOURNED BUSINESS

Nil

5. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Nil

6. REPORTS FOR DECISION

6.1 Policy Review – Risk Management Policy

Committee Resolution

Moved Mayor Wasley Seconded Deputy Mayor Strudwicke 2019/016

“that the Audit Committee, having considered Item 6.1 – *Policy Review – Risk Management Policy*, dated 21 June 2019, receives and notes the report and in doing so recommends to Council that it:-

- 1. Rescind the current Risk Management Policy; and**

2. **Adopt the Revised Risk Management Policy as presented at Attachment 1 to this Report."**

CARRIED

6.2 Draft 2019/2020 Annual Business Plan, Budget and Long Term Financial Plan 2020-2029

Mr Rajith Udugampola, General Manager – Finance and Economic Development distributed a copy of the document *Rates Modelling Comparative Data Spreadsheet* to Committee Members. The Chairperson requested that *Rates Modelling Comparative Data Spreadsheet* be tabled.

Committee Resolution

Moved Deputy Mayor Strudwicke Seconded Mayor Wasley **2019/017**

"that the Audit Committee, having considered Item 6.2 - 2019/2020 Annual Business Plan, Budget and Long Term Financial Plan 2020-2029, dated 21 June 2019, receives and notes the report and in doing so, recommends to Council that:-

1. **Where general rates for Primary Production and Residential increase by more than 15%, Council will, on application, apply a 100% rebate on the amount exceeding any 15% increase; and**
2. **The rebate will not apply on any property that has:-**
 - a. **changed ownership since 1 July 2018; and/or**
 - b. **had improvements undertaken by way of Development Application in excess of the value of \$20,000."**

CARRIED

6.2 **Committee Resolution**

Moved Mayor Wasley Seconded Deputy Mayor Strudwicke **2019/018**

"that the Audit Committee, having considered Item 6.2 - 2019/2020 Annual Business Plan, Budget and Long Term Financial Plan 2020-2029, dated 21 June 2019, receives and notes the report and in doing so, recommends to Council that Council adopts a 0% increase in the rate in the dollar, a 3% increase in the Fixed Charge, resulting in an average general rate increase of 4%, inclusive of a 100% rebate on any amount exceeding a 15% general rate increase."

CARRIED

6.2 Committee Resolution

Moved Mayor Wasley Seconded Deputy Mayor Strudwicke 2019/019

“that the Audit Committee, having considered Item 6.2 - 2019/2020 Annual Business Plan, Budget and Long Term Financial Plan 2020-2029, dated 21 June 2019, receives and notes the report and in doing so, supports the increased Capital Works Program in order to address the significant infrastructure backlog, noting that the capital works expenditure will decrease in subsequent years.”

6.2 Committee Resolution

Moved Mayor Wasley Seconded Deputy Mayor Strudwicke 2019/020

“that, in consideration of the Long Term Financial Plan and forecast operating deficits, the Audit Committee recommends to Council that Council, as part of its strategic planning workshop earmarked for October 2019, prioritise a focus on reviewing the following:-

- 1. Long Term Financial Plan, with an emphasis on long term growth projections;**
- 2. Infrastructure and Asset Management Plan;**
- 3. Service levels; and**
- 4. Rating strategy.”**

CARRIED

6.2 Committee Resolution

Moved Deputy Mayor Strudwicke Seconded Mayor Wasley 2019/021

“that, in consideration of the State Government’s recent announcement in relation to the proposed increase to the Solid Waste Levy, the Audit Committee recommends to Council that Council not adjust its Waste Levy for the 2019/2020 Financial Year, noting the proposed increase would equate to \$17,000 for the 2019/2020 Financial Year, and that the proposed levy increase is not yet legislated.”

CARRIED

Committee Resolution

Moved Deputy Mayor Strudwicke Seconded Mayor Wasley 2019/022

“that the Audit Committee, having considered Item 6.2 - 2019/2020 Annual Business Plan, Budget and Long Term Financial Plan 2020-2029, dated 21 June 2019, receives and notes the report and in doing so, recommends to Council that it adopt the Draft 2019/2020 Annual Business Plan, Budget and Long Term Financial Plan 2020-2029 at its Special Council Meeting scheduled to be held on 27 June 2019, subject to Audit Committee Resolutions 2019/017 to 2019/021.”

CARRIED

6.3 Update on Audit Committee Annual Work Program 2018-2019

Committee Resolution

Moved Deputy Mayor Strudwicke Seconded Mayor Wasley **2019/ 023**

“that the Audit Committee, having considered Item 6.3 – Update on Audit Committee Annual Work Program 2018-2019, dated 21 June 2019, receives and notes the report and in doing so recommends to the Council that the Council acknowledges the progress made to complete the activities identified for Audit Committee during 2018/2019 Financial Year.”

CARRIED**7. REPORTS FOR INFORMATION****7.1 Committee Resolutions****Committee Resolution**

Moved Mayor Wasley Seconded Deputy Mayor Strudwicke **2019/024**

“that the Audit Committee, having considered Item 7.1 – *Committee Resolutions*, dated 21 June 2019, receives and notes the report.”

CARRIED**8. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

Nil

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

10. NEXT MEETING

To be confirmed

11. CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 12:06pm.

Confirmed as a true record.

Chairperson:.....

Date: 2 / 9 / 2019