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

Monday 12 April 2021 at 4.30pm





The Chairperson formally declared the meeting open at 4.30 pm.

1. ATTENDANCE AND WELCOME

1.1 Present

Mr Alan Rushbrook (Chairperson)

Mr Peter Fairlie-Jones

Mayor Mark Wasley

Deputy Mayor Marcus Strudwicke

Also in Attendance

Chief Executive Officer

General Manager – Finance and Business

General Manager – Infrastructure and Environment

Acting General Manager – Governance and Executive Office

Administration and Executive Support Officer/Minute Taker

IT Officer – by audio-visual link

Mr James Miller

Mr Rajith Udugampola

Mr Thomas Jones

Ms Alyssa Denicola

Ms Stacie Shrubsole

Mr Thomas Harris-Howson

1.2 Apologies:

Councillor Margherita Panella



2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

2.1 Confirmation of Minutes – Meeting held 2 February 2021

Committee Resolution

Moved Mayor Wasley

Seconded Mr Fairlie-Jones

2021/016

"that the minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 2 February 2021 (MB Folios 166 to 173, inclusive), be accepted as read and confirmed."

CARRIED

3. BUSINESS ARISING

Nil

4. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Nil

5. ADJOURNED BUSINESS

Nil

6. REPORTS FOR DECISION

6.1 COVID-19 Rate Relief – Status Update

Committee Resolution

Moved Mayor Wasley

Seconded Councillor Strudwicke

2021/017

"that the Audit Committee, having considered Item 6.1 – COVID-19 Rate Relief – Status Update, dated 12 April 2021, receives and notes the report and in doing so recommend to the Council that:

- 1. No new applications for COVID-19 Rate Relief be accepted after 1 May 2021;
- Current applicants on COVID-19 Rate Relief be provided with a grace period of one (1) month to 1 June 2021 to pay in full outstanding rates without incurring any fines or interest;
- After 1 June 2021, current applicants on COVID-19 Rate Relief are charged with statutory fines and interest for overdue rates under Section 181 (8) of the Local Government Act 1999; and
- 4. Subject to paragraph 2 above, Council management is to commence the recovery of overdue rates as per 'Rates Arrears and Debtor Management Policy' after the current COVID-19 Rate Relief expires on 1 May 2021."

CARRIED



6.2 Draft 2021/2022 Budget and Updated Long Term Financial Plan 2022-2031

Committee Resolution

Moved Mr Fairlie-Jones Seconded Councillor Strudwicke 2021/ 018

"that the Audit Committee, having considered Item 6.2 – *Draft 2021/2022 Budget and Updated Long Term Financial Plan 2022-2031*, dated 12 April 2021, receives and notes the report and in doing so:

- 1. Notes that the Long-Term Financial Plan projections updated for the draft 2021/22 budget indicate that Council's financial targets can be achieved in the short term;
- 2. Notes that Council's Long Term Financial Plan has not been updated to include the impact of Council's recently adopted Strategic Plan, nor does it include the impact of the imminent update of Council's Infrastructure and Asset Management Plan, and the Audit Committee recommends to Council that it not commit to any expenditure commitments beyond those included in the draft 2020/21 budget until the Long-Term Financial Plan has been updated;
- 3. Notes the larger than anticipated draft operating deficit of \$270,000 as presented in the report and in acknowledgement of same, considers it appropriate to recommend to Council that it consider Option 2 as presented in the rate modelling data which equates to an average rate increase of 2.26%; and
- 4. Notes that the charges for the Mallala CWMS do not appear to be compliant with ESCOSA licence conditions and recommends that Council give consideration to revising the charges for the scheme so as to ensure that the broader population is not subsidising the operations of the scheme."

CARRIED

6.3 Update on Audit Committee Annual Work Program 2020-2021

Committee Resolution

Moved Mayor Wasley

Seconded Councillor Strudwicke

2021/019

"that the Audit Committee, having considered Item 6.3 – *Update on Audit Committee Annual Work Program 2020-2021*, dated 12 April 2021, 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 2020/2021 Financial Year."

CARRIED

6.4 Policy Review – Procurement Policy

Committee Resolution

Moved Councillor Strudwicke

Seconded Mayor Wasley

2021/020

"that the Audit Committee, having considered Item 6.4 – *Policy Review – Procurement Policy,* dated 12 April 2021, receives and notes the report and in doing so recommends to the Council that it adopt revised Procurement Policy as contained in the Attachment 1."

CARRIED







7. REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

7.1 Committee Resolutions

Committee Resolution

Moved Councillor Strudwicke Seconded

Mr Fairlie-Jones

2021/021

"that the Audit Committee, having considered Item 7.1 – *Committee Resolutions*, dated 12 April 2021, receives and notes the report and in doing so notes the recent updates of the Strategic Plan and Capital Works program and recommends that Council's Long Term Financial Plan be updated as soon as practical."

CARRIED

7.2 Review of Internal Financial Controls

Committee Resolution

Moved Mayor Wasley

Seconded Mr Fairlie-Jones

2021/022

"that the Audit Committee, having considered Item 7.2 – Review of Internal Financial Controls, dated 12 April 2021, receives and notes the report"

CARRIED

7.3 Financial Performance for the period July-March 2021

Committee Resolution

Moved Councillor Strudwicke

Seconded Mayor Wasley

2021/023

"that Audit Committee, having considered Item 7.3 – Financial Performance for the period July-March 2021, dated 12 April 2021, receives and notes the report."

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8. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Nil

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

10. NEXT MEETING

Monday 7 June 2021 at 4.30pm.

11. CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 6.07pm.

Chairperson:	Confirmed as a true record.
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