



# **ORDINARY COUNCIL**

## **PUBLIC MINUTES**

**TUESDAY 28 JANUARY 2014 AT 9.00 AM**

**Council Members >>**

The Mayor, Councillor Jenny Hill  
Councillor Suzanne Blom  
Councillor Colleen Doyle  
Councillor Gary Eddiehausen APM  
Councillor Pat Ernst  
Councillor Ray Gartrell  
Councillor Jenny Lane  
Councillor Anthony Parsons  
Councillor Trevor Roberts  
Councillor Vern Veitch  
Councillor Les Walker

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## Goals and Strategies of Townsville City Council >>

### Corporate Plan >>

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#### Goal 1 - Economic Sustainability. A robust, diverse and sustainable economy

The outcomes we want to achieve:

**A robust, prosperous economy which provides opportunities for business and investment.**

- 1.1 Promote investment and assist the development of emergent industries and businesses.
- 1.2 Engage with regional, state and national stakeholders in the creation of a strong and resilient economy.
- 1.3 Increase the city's profile through marketing initiatives, the delivery of festivals and events and support for other community based activities.
- 1.4 Promote the city's distinctive physical character and strong sense of place and identity.

**An integrated approach to long term planning which supports a growing city.**

- 1.5 Develop an integrated approach to the long term provision of infrastructure.
- 1.6 Undertake city and regional planning to reflect the aspirations of the community and create an attractive place to live, work and visit.

**Infrastructure that meets community needs.**

- 1.7 Provide and maintain timely and sustainable infrastructure.
- 1.8 Provide asset management practices which reflect the community's expectations regarding service levels and its ability to pay.

#### Goal 2 - Environmental Sustainability. Our environment is valued, protected and healthy

The outcomes we want to achieve:

**Effective management and protection of our natural and built environment through sustainable growth and development.**

- 2.1 Provide strategic and integrated planning and policy development to sustain our environment.
  - 2.2 Effective management, protection and conservation of our natural environment.
  - 2.3 Preserve and protect places of natural and heritage significance.
- Demonstrated environmental leadership.**
- 2.4 Develop and implement an Integrated Water Management Strategy.
  - 2.5 Develop and implement innovative waste management and recycling strategies.
  - 2.6 Minimise greenhouse gas emissions from council's infrastructure, operations and services through sustainable energy practices.
  - 2.7 Partner with the community and industry stakeholders to develop and promote environmental protection and sustainability initiatives.
  - 2.8 Develop and implement environmental compliance programs and promote community awareness.

**Climatic effects on our community, natural and built environment are minimised.**

- 2.9 Mitigate and communicate the risks and effects of climate change.

#### Goal 3 - Social Sustainability - Enhancement of opportunities for social engagement and wellbeing

The outcomes we want to achieve:

**A safe and healthy community.**

- 3.1 Improve the safety and well-being of the community through the management of public health risks.
- 3.2 Plan for and provide active and healthy lifestyle opportunities.
- 3.3 Coordinate council's response to natural disasters to minimise the effects on the community.

**A cohesive and self reliant community.**

- 3.4 Foster the development of the city as a learning community.
- 3.5 Encourage and facilitate the participation and integration of residents into the community.
- 3.6 Strengthen community networks to collaboratively deliver community services.

**A community with access to services and facilities.**

- 3.7 Plan for community facilities and services to meet the community's current and future needs.
- 3.8 Provide community services and facilities to meet the needs of the community.
- 3.9 Provide community support services to meet the needs of the community.

**A creative community.**

- 3.10 Facilitate and showcase artistic learning and expression through performances, exhibitions, activities and programs.
- 3.11 Support community participation in cultural activities, programs and events.

#### Goal 4 - Responsible Governance - Responsible leadership where decisions are made in a considered and transparent manner

The outcomes we want to achieve:

**Transparent and accountable local government.**

- 4.1 Develop and implement council's Corporate Governance Framework to ensure strategic planning, compliance with all legislation, policies, Codes of Practice and Standards.
- 4.2 Implement robust risk management strategies.
- 4.3 Encourage community participation and ensure that the community is informed and educated about matters that impact their lives.

**A competent, productive and contributing workforce.**

- 4.4 Foster a culture of employee health, safety and well-being.
- 4.5 Implement human resource strategies to become an employer of choice.
- 4.6 Foster diversity, merit and equity, reward and recognition in the workplace.

**Excellence in customer service delivery and organisational management.**

- 4.7 Provide responsive and efficient systems to enable the delivery of council services.
- 4.8 Establish and manage long term financial planning to ensure the future sustainability of council.

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<b>REPORT</b>	<b>COUNCIL MEETING</b>
<b>DATE</b>	<b>Tuesday 28 January 2014 at 9.00am</b>
<b>ITEMS</b>	<b>1 TO 14</b>
<b>PRESENT</b>	The Mayor, Councillor J Hill Councillor V Veitch Councillor S Blom Councillor C Doyle Councillor G Eddiehausen APM Councillor P Ernst Councillor R Gartrell Councillor J Lane Councillor A Parsons Councillor T Roberts

### **Opening of Meeting and Announcement of Visitors**

The Mayor, Councillor J Hill opened the meeting at 9.00am.

### **Prayer**

Reverend Jeff Coop of the Anglican Church delivered the opening prayer.

Reverend Coop thanked council for generous support given to The Stable on the Strand noting that there were over 40,000 attendees for the 2013 event.

### **Apologies and Leave of Absence**

**It was moved by Councillor C Doyle, seconded by Councillor V Veitch:**

"that the apology from Councillor L Walker be received and that for the purposes of Section 162(1)(e) of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Councillor L Walker be granted leave of absence from this meeting."

**CARRIED**

### **Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

An omission of reference to page numbers was noted on page 6863 of the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting of 17 December 2013.

**It was MOVED by Councillor V Veitch, SECONDED by Councillor J Lane:**

"that the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting of 17 December 2013 be confirmed."

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **Disclosure of Interests**

There were no conflicts of interest or material personal interests declared.

## Officers Reports

### Community and Environment

#### 1 Minutes - Inclusive Community Advisory Committee - 12 December 2013

##### REPORT TO COUNCIL

**Authorised by** Director Community and Environmental Services  
**Department** Community Services  
**Date** January 2014

##### Executive Summary

The council's Inclusive Community Advisory Committee meeting was held on 12 December 2013. The minutes are presented for information.

##### Officer's Recommendation

That council note the minutes of the Inclusive Community Advisory Committee meeting of 12 December 2013.

##### Council Decision

**It was MOVED by Councillor C Doyle, SECONDED by Councillor V Veitch:**

"that the officer's recommendation be adopted."

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### 2 Great Barrier Reef Strategic Assessment Submission

##### REPORT TO COUNCIL

**Authorised by** Director Community and Environmental Services  
**Department** Integrated Sustainability Services  
**Date** 20 January 2014

##### Executive Summary

The Australian and Queensland governments have developed a comprehensive draft strategic assessment of the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area and its adjacent coastal zone. The strategic assessment reports are a key response to the World Heritage Committee's recommendations made in 2012.

There are two components to the comprehensive strategic assessment:

- A marine component developed by the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (GBRMPA); and
- A coastal zone component developed by the Queensland Government.

The marine component reports detail the arrangements to protect and manage the Great Barrier Reef Region which includes the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park and almost all of the World Heritage Area. The coastal zone component reports outline the management, planning and development framework for the coastal area adjacent to the Great Barrier Reef and how its management protects the Great Barrier Reef.

The draft reports are open for public comment until 31 January 2014. Feedback and comments gained during public consultation will help inform the preparation of final strategic assessment reports for consideration by the Australian Minister for the Environment, and in 2015, the UNESCO World Heritage Committee.

As a committed Reef Guardian Council, we welcome the approach of the Australian and Queensland Government in undertaking this Strategic Assessment. We broadly support the many initiatives outlined in the draft reports, but as always the key to their success will be in the execution. This approach and effective implementation will be essential to better protect and enhance the marine, coastal and adjacent terrestrial environments and the economic prosperity of the Marine Park for this and future generations.

#### **Officer's Recommendation**

That council endorses the attached document as Townsville City Councils submission to the Australian and Queensland Government on the Great Barrier Reef Strategic Assessment, Marine and Coastal Zone components.

#### **Council Decision**

**It was MOVED by Councillor V Veitch, SECONDED by Councillor C Doyle:**

"that the officer's recommendation be adopted."

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**The Deputy Mayor complimented staff on the detailed report, producing an outcome that is world leading on environmental initiatives.**

#### **Corporate Services**

### **3 Corporate Governance - Review of Chief Executive Officer Delegations**

#### **REPORT TO COUNCIL**

**Authorised by** Chief Executive Officer  
**Department** Corporate Governance  
**Date** 8/1/2014

#### **Executive Summary**

The Local Government Act 2009 [the Act] requires the Chief Executive Officer [CEO] delegations to be reviewed annually.

It is recommended that the CEOs delegation be reviewed without change.

#### **Officer's Recommendation**

That council delegates to the Chief Executive Officer all delegable powers of the council under all Acts and other statutory instruments administered by the council pursuant to section 257 of the Local Government Act 2009, as set out in Attachment 1 "Instrument of Delegation".

## Council Decision

It was **MOVED** by Councillor G Eddiehausen, **SECONDED** by Councillor P Ernst:

"that the officer's recommendation be adopted."

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The Mayor, Councillor J Hill requested that the CEO organise a workshop to brief Councillors on powers delegated to the CEO and the requirements according to the Act.

## 4 Corporate Governance - South East Queensland Island Forum - Tourism, Transport and Local Economies, North Stradbroke Island

### REPORT TO COUNCIL

**Authorised by** Director Corporate Services  
**Department** Corporate Governance  
**Date** 8/1/2014

### Executive Summary

The inaugural Australian Small Island Forum was held on Lord Howe Island in May 2012. Redland City Council and the Southern Cross University are now organising a similar event focussing on the coastal islands of Queensland. The objective is to provide an opportunity for islanders and people who are enthusiastic about islands to come together, learn from each other and discuss common issues and problems. Topics will include tourism, transport, economics and business opportunities. The Forum is to be held on North Stradbroke and Russell Islands from 24 – 26 February 2014.

### Officer's Recommendation

1. That council approve the attendance of Councillor S Blom to attend the South East Queensland Island Forum, Tourism, Transport and Local Economies on North Stradbroke Island from 24 – 26 February 2014.
2. That in accordance with section 162(1)(e) of the Local Government Act 2009 council grant leave of absence to Councillor S Blom from 24 – 26 February 2014.

## Council Decision

It was **MOVED** by Councillor P Ernst, **SECONDED** by Councillor V Veitch:

"that council note the report on the South East Queensland Island Forum to be held 24 - 26 February 2014."

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



## 5 Corporate Governance - Local Government Managers Australia National Congress, Melbourne

### REPORT TO COUNCIL

**Authorised by** Director Corporate Services  
**Department** Corporate Governance  
**Date** 8/1/2014

#### Executive Summary

The Local Government Managers Australia National Congress will be held in Melbourne from 30 April to 2 May 2014. Officers and elected members are invited to attend. This year's theme is Productive Communities. The conference includes a range of speakers on productivity and concepts, leading practice and impacts of productivity and what it looks like for councils.

#### Officer's Recommendation

1. That council approve the attendance of any interested councillor to attend the Local Government Managers Australia National Congress held in Melbourne from 30 April to 2 May 2014.
2. That in accordance with section 162(1)(e) of the Local Government Act 2009 council grant leave of absence for the nominated councillor from 30 April to 2 May 2014.

#### Council Decision

It was **MOVED** by Councillor S Blom, **SECONDED** by Councillor T Roberts:

"that the officer's recommendation be adopted."

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 6 4 Month Budget Review

### REPORT TO COUNCIL

**Authorised by** Director Corporate Services  
**Department** Financial Services  
**Date** 16 January 2014

#### Executive Summary

In accordance with the Local Government Act 2009 and the Local Government *Regulation 2012*, council may amend the budget for a financial year at any time before the end of the financial year.

Management have completed a 4 month review of the 2013/2014 Budget considering the results to the end of November 2013. Known or anticipated changes to the operating environment or assumptions made at the time of budget formulation, increasing the forecast operating surplus marginally from \$1,046,000 to \$1,475,000 for 2013/14.

Management have made every effort to update the budget assumptions to reflect the results to-date and anticipated changes in the operating environment however, there remains a risk that the forecast surplus may be impacted by the late arrival of the wet season, changing water consumption, growth forecasts and timing of financial assistance grant payments from the Federal Government.

There are no material changes to planned activities or service levels resulting from the budget amendments.

The amended budget for 2013/2014 and the following two years financial statements and nine years financial sustainability ratios as defined by the Department of Infrastructure and Planning are attached to the Agenda.

Council Officers continue to monitor the achievement of the 2013/14 Capital Works budget and the funding of same and will report to Council further on this budget later in the year should that be necessary.

#### **Officer's Recommendation**

#### **OPERATING FUND BUDGET**

1. That, in accordance with section 169 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, and having considered presentations and advice provided by the Executive Manager Finance, council note the 2013/14 Budget has been:

- prepared on an accruals basis; and
- developed consistently with council's corporate and operational plans.

and shows that council's:

- liabilities are able to be satisfied;
- capital base is not being consumed at a rate that will adversely affect it's service potential;
- planned asset replacement is sufficiently funded; and

2. That in accordance with Sections 169 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, council adopt the Revised Budget Financial Statements for 2013/14, including council's Significant Business Activities, Forecast Financial Statements for 2013/14 to 2015/16, and relevant measure of financial sustainability ratio's for 2013/14 to 2022/23.

#### **Council Decision**

**It was MOVED by Councillor J Lane, SECONDED by Councillor V Veitch:**

"that the officer's recommendation be adopted."

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 7 Budget Variance Report - Whole of Council - December 2013

### REPORT TO COUNCIL

**Authorised by** Director Corporate Services  
**Department** Financial Services  
**Date** 16 January 2013

#### Executive Summary

On behalf of the Chief Executive Officer, the Executive Manager Finance will present and discuss the Budget Variance Report for the whole of council for December 2013, pursuant to section 204 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

The Executive Manager Finance has circulated separately to the Agenda the Budget Variance Report for the whole of council for December 2013.

#### Officer's Recommendation

That council note the financial report for December 2013 and budget variance explanations, pursuant to section 204 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

#### Council Decision

**It was MOVED by Councillor J Lane, SECONDED by Councillor A Parsons:**

"that the officer's recommendation be adopted."

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 8 2013/14 Quarter 1 Corporate Performance Report

### REPORT TO COUNCIL

**Authorised by** Chief Executive Officer  
**Department** Corporate Governance  
**Date** 23 December 2013

#### Executive Summary

The Chief Executive Officer is required to provide a written assessment of council's Corporate and Operational Plans on a quarterly basis. The Corporate Performance Report, under separate cover, provides an assessment of council's progress towards implementing council's Corporate and Operational Plans.

The Quarter One report was presented to council at its December meeting but held over pending response to clarifications sought by a Councillor. The Quarter Two report will be presented to the February Council meeting.

#### Officer's Recommendation

That in accordance with section 174 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*:

That council adopt the Corporate Performance Report for the first quarter of 2013/14, being the period from 1 July 2013 to 30 September 2013.

## Council Decision

It was **MOVED** by Councillor J Lane, **SECONDED** by Councillor V Veitch:

"that the officer's recommendation be adopted."

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The Mayor, Councillor J Hill requested that Quarterly Corporate Performance Reports be provided to the Councillors two weeks prior to the ordinary council meeting to allow time for Councillors to review.

## 9 Corporate Governance - Audit Committee Minutes - 2 December 2013

### REPORT TO COUNCIL

**Authorised by** Director Corporate Services  
**Department** Corporate Governance  
**Date** 20 December 2013

### Executive Summary

Please find the minutes of the Audit Committee meeting held on 2 December 2013 attached to the agenda item.

### Officer's Recommendation

That council receive the minutes of the Audit Committee meeting held on 2 December 2013.

### Council Decision

It was **MOVED** by Councillor J Lane, **SECONDED** by Councillor C Doyle:

"that the officer's recommendation be adopted."

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### Confidential Items

It was **MOVED** by Councillor P Ernst, **SECONDED** by Councillor G Eddiehausen:

"that council RESOLVE to close the meeting in accordance with Section 275 (c) (d) and (e) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following:

Section 275(1) (c) the local government's budget (Item14).  
Section 275(1) (d) rating concessions (Items 10, 11, 12 and 13).  
Section 275(1) (e) contracts proposed to be made by it (Item 14)."

**CARRIED**

The council discussed the items.

It was **MOVED** by Councillor P Ernst, **SECONDED** by Councillor G Eddiehausen:

"that council RESOLVE to open the meeting."

**CARRIED**

## 10 Townsville Water & Waste - Request for contribution to the cost of relocating a trunk water main

### CONFIDENTIAL REPORT TO COUNCIL

**Authorised by** Director Townsville Water and Waste  
**Department** Townsville Water and Waste  
**Date** 20 January 2014

#### Executive Summary

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (DTMR) are currently upgrading the Bruce Highway and extending the Ring Road. As part of the construction of section 4 of the Ring Road the DN475 and DN600 Mt Spec water main between Veales Road and Mt Low Parkway needs to be relocated. Townsville Water has agreed to accept the reconfiguration of this section to a single DN800 pipe. The cost of the works for the pipe relocation is estimated at \$5.4 million (plus GST).

This report presents the request from Department of Transport and Main Roads (DTMR) for council to contribute to this particular project due to the benefit the project delivers to the community and the local economy. Agreement to this request does not imply agreement to requests for contributions to other projects.

#### Officer's Recommendation

1. That the report/attachment be deemed a confidential document and be treated as such in accordance with sections 171 and 200 (5) of the *Local Government Act 2009* and that the document remain confidential unless council decides otherwise by resolution.
2. That council delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate the terms of an agreement with the Department of Transport and Main Roads to contribute up to \$1.5 million over a three year period for the relocation of the Mt Spec trunk water main, caused by the construction of Stage 4 of the Ring Road.
3. That council note the agreement to this request to contribute to the relocation of a section of the Mt Spec water main is an exception to its decision to not contribute to the costs of relocation of infrastructure caused by the activities of Department of Transport and Main Roads, based on the benefits to the local economy and community that this project delivers.

#### Council Decision

**It was MOVED by Councillor R Gartrell, SECONDED by Councillor C Doyle:**

1. "that officer's recommendation 1 and 3 be adopted; and
2. that council delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate the terms of an agreement with the Department of Transport and Main Roads to contribute up to \$1.5 million over a three year period for the relocation of the Mt Spec trunk water main, caused by the construction of Stage 4 of the Ring Road conditional upon DTMR entering into an agreement to establish and maintain street scaping on main roads projects in Townsville (including the current southern entry way project) commenced within the next 5 years for the satisfaction of council."

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**11 Townsville Water & Waste - TCW00047 - Design Consultant for the Southern Suburbs Diversion Pump Station & Pressure Main Project**

**CONFIDENTIAL REPORT TO COUNCIL**

**Authorised by** Director Townsville Water and Waste  
**Department** Townsville Water  
**Date** 10 January 2014

**Executive Summary**

Townsville Water is undertaking the Southern Suburbs Diversion Pump Station and Pressure Main Project to upgrade the sewerage system in Townsville's southern suburbs. Due to budget constraints the project is split into two stages for construction. Stage 1 is a new sewerage pump station adjacent to Yolanda Drive/University Drive roundabout (with gravity sewer and rising main diversions) plus the first stage of the pressure main connecting to a sewer manhole on Department of Defence's Lavarack Barracks. Stage 2 of the project is the remaining 12km approximately of pressure main to Cleveland Bay Sewerage Treatment Plant.

Design consultant services for this project were invited through public tender TCW00047 to carry-out the preliminary and detailed design plus approvals for Stage 1 and Stage 2 works. The tender was advertised in the Townsville Bulletin on Saturday 2 November 2013. The closing date for the tender was 10am on Wednesday 11 December 2013. Council received nine (9) tenders. This report outlines the tender submissions received and a recommendation for awarding of the tender.

**Officer's Recommendation**

1. That the report/attachment be deemed a confidential document and be treated as such in accordance with sections 171 and 200 (5) of the *Local Government Act 2009* and that the document remain confidential unless council decides otherwise by resolution.
2. That council award tender TCW00047 - Design Consultant for the Southern Suburbs Diversion Pump Station & Pressure Main to AECOM Australia Pty Ltd (refer Attachment 1 - Recommendation Report) for the amount of \$479,075 (excluding GST).
3. That council delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer, to award variations up to the approved budget provided the variations are for the completion of the work under the contract.

**Council Decision**

**It was MOVED by Councillor V Veitch, SECONDED by Councillor P Ernst:**

"that the officer's recommendation be adopted."

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 12 Townsville Water & Waste - PR3111 Cleveland Bay Purification Plant Upgrade (CBPP) Planning Report Recommendations

### CONFIDENTIAL REPORT TO COUNCIL

**Authorised by** Director Townsville Water and Waste  
**Department** Engineering Services  
**Date** 21 January 2014

#### Executive Summary

Council needs to upgrade the hydraulic capacity of the Cleveland Bay Purification Plant (CBPP) to ensure continued compliance with its Integrated Environmental Authority (permit). Council commissioned AECOM Australia Pty Ltd to prepare a planning report identifying and investigating feasible upgrade options for the existing plant to meet permit conditions. The report investigated twelve options which, through the conduct of two separate stakeholder multiple criteria analyses, ranked the respective suitability of each option.

The planning report recommends that the two highest ranked upgrade options (E1 & E2) be taken forward to detailed design on the basis that the options are very similar and both options are estimated to be within the 10 year CAPEX Plan forecast budget estimates. However, of these two recommended options, one option (E2) is considered to provide a better, more sustainable option as it improves plant reliability, provides processing redundancy and improves plant operational safety.

Option E2 is considered and recommended by the Project Control Group to be the better option to progress to detailed design.

#### Officer's Recommendation

1. That the report/attachment be deemed a confidential document and be treated as such in accordance with sections 171 and 200 (5) of the *Local Government Act 2009* and that the document remain confidential unless council decides otherwise by resolution.
2. That council resolves to progress with the detailed design of upgrade option E2, being a full external membrane bioreactor upgrade, and outfall upgrade option C, being installation of a polyethylene liner pipe, construction of a new outfall pump station and upgrade of the existing bypass outfall pump station.
3. That council resolves to engage with the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection to prepare and enter into a Transitional Environmental Program based on Option E2.
4. That council resolves to set a project budget of \$55 million with upgrade work to be completed by 30 June 2018.
5. That council resolves to adopt an 'Early Contractor Involvement – Construct Only' procurement model for the delivery of the upgrade works.

#### Council Decision

**It was MOVED by Councillor T Roberts, SECONDED by Councillor P Ernst:**

1. "that this report sits on the table until further notice with authority to the CEO to commence negotiations with the Department of Environment Heritage Protection on a Transitional Environment Program in anticipation for approval of a treatment system based on two times average dry weather flow;

2. that council lobby the Minister for Environment and Heritage Protection the Hon. Andrew Powell for a reduction in licence requirement for Cleveland Bay Waste Water Treatment Plant from the current requirement of three times average dry weather flow to two times average dry weather flow; and
3. that Local Members of Parliament be requested to support council's lobbying on this matter as it will result in significant savings in Treatment Plant Upgrade Cost with minimal impact upon effluent discharge."

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **13 Engineering Services - Castle Hill Solar Lighting**

#### **CONFIDENTIAL REPORT TO COUNCIL**

**Authorised by** Director Infrastructure Services  
**Department** Engineering Services  
**Date** 21 January 2014

#### **Executive Summary**

In 2008/2009 estimates were completed to install solar lighting on Castle Hill and submitted to the Federal Government for funding. These estimates were revised prior to the 2013 Federal election and provided for consideration. The Federal Government has recently announced that funding for this project has been approved, however is reduced to the earlier 2008/2009 estimates.

This report provides revised estimates and information regarding the installation of solar lighting on Castle Hill and council's ability to complete this project with reduced funding by the Federal Government.

#### **Officer's Recommendation**

1. That the report/attachment be deemed a confidential document and be treated as such in accordance with sections 171 and 200 (5) of the *Local Government Act 2009* and that the document remain confidential unless council decides otherwise by resolution.
2. That council approves the revised estimate budget for delivery of the 20 solar lights on Castle Hill Road as per the report information and attached layout plan;
3. That council approves the proposal to close Castle Hill Road for the foundation construction and light pole installation activities to vehicles and pedestrians, during working hours to reduce Traffic Management costs; and
4. That council resolves to seek exemption under the *Local Government Regulation 2012 Chapter 6 Contracting Part 3 Default Contracting Procedures Section 235 Other Exceptions* (a) the local government resolves it is satisfied that there is only one (1) supplier who is reasonably available, to procure the Carmanah Evergen Series 1710 Solar Lights from Orion Solar Pty Ltd (Sole Australian Distributer) as specified in the *Section 74 Exemption Certificate*: Permit Number: 202835:601218:CHCH00828610 (*attached*) granted by the Department of Environmental and Heritage Protection (formerly Department of Environmental Resource Management) for use in the project.



### Council Decision

It was **MOVED** by Councillor C Doyle, **SECONDED** by Councillor G Eddiehausen:

"that this item be held over to the next ordinary council meeting pending further information."

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The Mayor, Councillor J Hill requested that a risk assessment be produced for pedestrian usage on Castle Hill.

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor V Vetch, advised council that speed bumps on Castle Hill do not meet national standards.

The Mayor, Councillor J Hill, noted that she was not aware of this issue and that speed bump noncompliance be included in the risk assessment for pedestrian use of Castle Hill.

### 14 Corporate Governance - Audit Committee Reports - 2 December 2013

#### CONFIDENTIAL REPORT TO COUNCIL

<b>Authorised by</b>	Director Corporate Services
<b>Department</b>	Corporate Governance
<b>Date</b>	20 December 2013

#### Executive Summary

Please find the Corporate Governance reports of the Audit Committee meeting held on 2 December 2013 attached to the agenda item.

#### Officer's Recommendation

1. That the report/attachment be deemed a confidential document and be treated as such in accordance with sections 171 and 200 (5) of the *Local Government Act 2009* and that the document remain confidential unless council decides otherwise by resolution.
2. That council receive the Corporate Governance reports of the Audit Committee meeting held on 2 December 2013.

### Council Decision

It was **MOVED** by Councillor J Lane, **SECONDED** by Councillor C Doyle:

"that the officer's recommendation be adopted."

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## General Business

### Drug, Alcohol and Volatile Substance Abuse Prevention Program

#### GENERAL BUSINESS ITEM

<b>Raised by</b>	Councillor G Eddiehausen
<b>Committee</b>	Ordinary Council
<b>Date</b>	28 January 2014

#### Executive Summary

In response to elevated levels of property crime in the community (stealing of vehicles, burglaries, etc.) committed on a daily basis by juveniles affected by volatile substances there is a need to 'think outside the box', research programs and advance new or existing proactive initiatives to address the causes of the ongoing crime wave.

Consultation with stakeholders of Northern Territory's Volatile Substance Abuse Prevention Program has revealed that it is proving successful in reducing crime and help at-risk youth.

The Northern Territory's Volatile Substance Abuse Prevention Act 2005 was enacted due to significant concerns with sniffing of petrol, smoking cannabis and inhaling volatile substances such as paint, deodorants, glue and insecticide within communities across the Northern Territory.

The Northern Territory's Volatile Substance Abuse Prevention Act 2005 mandates actions allowing applicants (including family members, police or medical practitioners) to submit an application through a Magistrate when concerns are held for the health, safety and wellbeing of youths addicted to volatile substances. If deemed at risk, by the Magistrate, an order is made for the juvenile to be placed within care (not prison) for physical and psychological treatment.

Townsville City Council is aware that the current crime issues are multi-faceted and incorporate issues such as breakdown of family unit, child abuse, gambling addiction, drug and alcohol abuse, harsh economic times as well as other social issues.

As a local government body, council does not have the authority or the ability to make the necessary legislative changes to address the issues and support is requested to lobby State Government to consider programs similar to those in the Northern Territory.

#### Council Decision

**It was MOVED by Councillor G Eddiehausen, SECONDED by Councillor C Doyle:**

"that council seek deputation and make representation to the Premier to implement a drug, alcohol and volatile substance abuse prevention program in Townsville similar to the program in place in Northern Territory."

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Close of Meeting**

**The Mayor, Councillor J Hill requested that Councillors be alert with their emails due to the tropical low forming in the Coral Sea and the king tides experienced at this time of year.**

The Chair, Mayor Councillor J Hill declared the meeting closed at 10.53am.

**CONFIRMED this**

**day of**

**2014**

**MAYOR**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**