



REPORT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, BUSINESS AND CORPORATE COMMITTEE 20 NOVEMBER 2017

PRESENT: Councillors J Diffey, V Etheridge, D Grant, A Jones, S Lawrence, G Mohr, K Parker, J Ryan and B Shields.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

The General Manager, the Director Corporate Services, the Manager Governance and Risk, the Team Leader Governance, the Communications Coordinator, the Director Infrastructure and Operations, the Manager Infrastructure Strategy, the Manager Transport and Emergency, Manager Infrastructure Delivery, Manager Water Supply and Sewerage, Infrastructure Strategy Contractor, the Director Planning and Environment, the Manager Building and Development Services, the Statutory Planning Services Team Leader, Senior Strategic Planner, the Manager Strategic Planning Services, the Director Community and Recreation and the Manager Social Services.

Councillor G Mohr assumed chairmanship of the meeting.

The proceedings of the meeting commenced at 6.50pm.

EDBC17/14 REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, BUSINESS AND CORPORATE COMMITTEE - MEETING 16 OCTOBER 2017 (ID17/1973)

The Committee had before it the report of the Economic Development, Business and Corporate Committee meeting held 16 October 2017.

Moved by Councillor J Diffey and seconded by Councillor D Grant

MOTION

The Committee recommends that the report of the Economic Development, Business and Corporate Committee meeting held on 16 October 2017 be adopted.

CARRIED

EDBC17/15 INVESTMENTS UNDER SECTION 625 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT (ID17/1988)

The Committee had before it the report dated 14 November 2017 from the Director Corporate Services regarding Investments Under Section 625 of the Local Government Act.

Moved by Councillor A Jones and seconded by Councillor J Diffey

MOTION

The Committee recommends that the information provided within the report of the Director Corporate Services, dated 14 November 2017 be noted.

CARRIED

Councillor K Parker declared a pecuniary, significant interest in the matter now before the Committee and left the room and was out of sight during Committee's consideration. The reason for such interest is that Councillor K Parker is the Manager of the Dubbo Branch of the Bank of Queensland, a bank that Council has funds invested with.

EDBC17/16 ANNUAL REPORT ON COMPLAINT STATISTICS UNDER COUNCIL'S CODE OF CONDUCT (ID17/1964)

The Committee had before it the report dated 8 November 2017 from the Director Corporate Services regarding Annual Report on Complaint Statistics Under Council's Code of Conduct.

Moved by Councillor S Lawrence and seconded by Councillor B Shields

MOTION

The Committee recommends that the information contained within the report of the Director Corporate Services dated 8 November 2017 be noted.

CARRIED

EDBC17/17 POLICY FOR ACCESS TO COUNCILLOR EMAIL MESSAGES (ID17/1966)

The Committee had before it the report dated 8 November 2017 from the Manager Governance and Risk regarding Policy for Access to Councillor Email Messages.

Moved by Councillor A Jones and seconded by Councillor D Grant

MOTION

The Committee recommends that the draft policy titled Access to Councillor Email Messages be adopted.

CARRIED

EDBC17/18 ELECTRICITY CONTRACT FOR STREET LIGHTING AND CONTESTABLE (LARGE) SITES (ID17/1985)

The Committee had before it the report dated 13 November 2017 from the Director Corporate Services regarding Electricity Contract for Street Lighting and Contestable (Large) Sites.

Moved by Councillor A Jones and seconded by Councillor V Etheridge

MOTION

The Committee recommends that members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of this item, the reason being that the matter concerned information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business (Section 10A(2)(c)).

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor A Jones and seconded by Councillor B Shields

MOTION

The Committee recommends:

- 1. That public tenders not be invited for the supply of electricity for Council's street lighting and contestable sites in accordance with Section 55(3)(i) of the Local Government Act, 1993 as it is considered that a satisfactory result would not be achieved by Council in calling public tenders due to the extenuating circumstances that are created as a result of short term price fluctuations in the pricing for electricity supply with such price fluctuations resulting in tenderers not being able to be relied on to provide tenders which are fixed for a sufficient period of time to enable the normal tendering process to be completed by Council.**
- 2. That the report of Energy and Management Services dated 16 October 2017, in regard to the renegotiation of Council's Street Lighting and Contestable (Large) Sites electricity on behalf of OROC be noted.**
- 3. That the Mayor and General Manager be authorised to enter into a contract for the supply of electricity for both street lighting and contestable sites prior to 30 June 2018 following a procurement process to the supply of such energy as managed by Energy and Management Services.**
- 4. That any necessary documents be executed under the Common Seal of the Council.**
- 5. That the documents and considerations in regard to this matter remain confidential to Council.**

CARRIED

**EDBC17/19 KESWICK STAGE 4 RELEASE 3B - SALE PRICES AND ADVERTISING SCHEDULE
(ID17/1956)**

The Committee had before it the report dated 1 November 2017 from the Manager Property Assets regarding Keswick Stage 4 Release 3B - Sale prices and advertising schedule.

Moved by Councillor A Jones and seconded by Councillor V Etheridge

MOTION

The Committee recommends that members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of this item, the reason being that the matter concerned information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business (Section 10A(2)(c)).

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor D Grant and seconded by Councillor J Diffey

MOTION

The Committee recommends:

1. That the 29 single dwelling residential allotments that form Keswick Estate Stage 4 Release 3B be marketed for sale effective 9.00 am Friday 1 December 2017 at the prices as detailed in Table 1 in this report and further, that the General Manager be authorised to take the necessary action in respect of such sales as also detailed in this report.
2. That the minimum floor space building requirement as detailed in the restrictive covenant for Keswick Estate Stage 4 remain at 150 m² (excluding dual occupancy dwellings).
3. That local real estate agencies be invited to enter into open agency agreements with Council to sell Keswick Lots on behalf of Council.
4. That each licensed builder be permitted to buy a maximum of four (4) single residential Lots and a further two (2) dual occupancy Lots in the release with no more than two of these allotments, with the same street frontage, adjoining each other.
5. That builders be permitted options to set aside up to four allotments with a 5% deposit for a period of 3 months to promote and market house land packages, noting that on successful completion, the builder's client for the house land package settle the purchase of the land transaction directly themselves with Dubbo Regional Council and at the end of the three month period of the builder option, notice be given to the builder to settle the purchase of the allotment set aside.
6. That any necessary documents be executed under the Common Seal of the Council.
7. That the documents and considerations in regard to this matter remain confidential to Council.

CARRIED

Councillor B Shields declared a pecuniary, significant interest in the matter now before the Committee and left the room and was out of sight during Committee's consideration. The reason for such interest is that Councillor B Shields owns property and resides in Keswick Estate.

EDBC17/20 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

A request for leave of absence was received from Councillor D Gumley who was absent from the meeting due to the personal reasons.

Moved by Councillor A Jones and seconded by Councillor J Ryan

MOTION

That such request for leave of absence be accepted and Councillor D Gumley be granted leave of absence from this meeting.

CARRIED

The meeting closed at 7.07pm.

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CHAIRMAN