

REPORT CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE 12 NOVEMBER 2024

PRESENT: Councillors J Black, L Butler, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, R Ivey, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: The Chief Executive Officer, the Director Organisational Performance, the Manager Corporate Governance, the Governance Team Leader, the Governance Officers, the Property and Land Developer, the Director Strategy, Partnerships and Engagement, the Communications Partner, the IT Infrastructure Specialist, the IT Support Officer, the Director Development and Environment, the Manager Building and Development Services, the Director Infrastructure, the Manager Infrastructure and Design, the Director Community, Culture and Places, the Manager Recreation and Open Space and the Events and Partnerships Co-ordinator.

Councillor J Black assumed the chair of the meeting.

The proceedings of the meeting commenced at 6:46 pm.

CSC24/42 ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON (ID24/2022)

At this juncture, the Chief Executive Officer invited nominations for the election of Chairperson Corporate Services Committee for the Mayoral term with the following nominations received.

Councillor K Richardson nominated by Councillor P Toynton. Councillor K Richardson accepted the nomination.

Councillor S Chowdhury nominated by Councillor M Wight.

Councillor S Chowdhury declined the nomination.

FOR COUNCILLOR K RICHARDSON

Clr J Black Clr K Richardson
Clr L Butler Clr A Ryan
Clr S Chowdhury Clr P Toynton
Clr J Cowley Clr P Wells
Clr R Ivey Clr M Wright

TOTAL: 10

The Chief Executive Officer advised that as only one nomination was received for the position of the Chairperson of the Corporate Services Committee that Councillor K Richardson be duly elected for the Mayoral term.

At this juncture Councillor K Richardson assumed the position of chair of the meeting.

CSC24/43 LEAVE OF ABSENCE (ID24/2053)

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

Moved by Councillor S Chowdhury and seconded by Councillor M Wright

MOTION

That such request for Leave of Absence be accepted and Councillor M Dickerson be granted leave of absence from this meeting.

Councillors R Ivey and A Ryan attended via audio visual link.

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Butler, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, R Ivey, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Nil

CSC24/44 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (ID24/2054)

The following conflicts of interest were declared:

Councillor J Cowley – CSC24/48 – Non pecuniary, less than significant.

CSC24/45 MONTHLY REPORTING SNAPSHOT FOR COUNCILLORS - OCTOBER 2024 (ID24/2071)

The Committee had before it the report dated 5 November 2024 from the Corporate Strategy Performance Coordinator regarding Monthly Reporting Snapshot for Councillors - October 2024.

Moved by Councillor L Butler and seconded by Councillor P Toynton

MOTION

That the information contained within the report of the Corporate Strategy and Performance Coordinator, dated 5 November 2024, be noted.

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Butler, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, R Ivey, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Nil

CSC24/46 INVESTMENT UNDER SECTION 625 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT - OCTOBER 2024 (ID24/1944)

The Committee had before it the report dated 1 November 2024 from the Chief Financial Officer regarding Investment Under Section 625 of the Local Government Act - October 2024.

Moved by Councillor M Wright and seconded by Councillor L Butler

MOTION

That the information contained within the Investment under Section 625 of the Local Government Act Report be noted.

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Butler, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, R Ivey, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Nil

CSC24/47 CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE PERFORMANCE MEASURES (ID24/1645)

The Committee had before it the report dated 4 November 2024 from the Manager Customer Experience and Engagement regarding Customer Experience Performance Measures.

Moved by Councillor P Toynton and seconded by Councillor J Cowley

MOTION

That the information contained within the report of the Manager Customer Experience and Engagement, dated 4 November 2024, be noted.

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Butler, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, R Ivey, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Nil

CSC24/48 DUBBO AUSTRALIA DAY 2025 - CHANGE OF LOCATION (ID24/2016)

The Committee had before it the report dated 31 October 2024 from the Manager Corporate Governance regarding Dubbo Australia Day 2025 - Change of Location.

The committee reports having met with Mr B Greenwood regarding this item.

Moved by Councillor S Chowdhury and seconded by Councillor J Black

MOTION

- 1. That the Australia Day Event in Dubbo on 26 January 2025 be held at the Dubbo Regional Theatre and Convention Centre.
- 2. That no other changes be made to the Australia Day Event for Dubbo.

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Butler, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, R Ivey, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Nil

Councillor J Cowley declared a non-pecuniary, less than significant interest in the matter now before the Committee and remained in the room and was out of sight during the Committee's consideration of this matter. The reason for such interest is that Councillor J Cowley is a volunteer with Rotary Club of Dubbo, which usually cooks the Australia Day barbeque.

CSC24/49 FUTURE USE OF 74 WINGEWARRA STREET (THE GREENS) (ID24/2018)

The Committee had before it the report dated 31 October 2024 from the Director Organisational Performance regarding Future Use of 74 Wingewarra Street (The Greens).

The committee reports having met with Erifili Davis and Kellie Jennar regarding this item.

Moved by Councillor S Chowdhury and seconded by Councillor P Wells

MOTION

- That Council undertakes an Expression of Interest process for a two-year Lease of The Greens.
- 2. That a report be provided to Council on the outcome and final endorsement.

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Butler, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, R Ivey, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Nil

CSC24/50 OFFICE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM PROPOSAL FOR CODE OF CONDUCT AND MEETING PRACTICES (ID24/2009)

The Committee had before it the report dated 30 October 2024 from the Chief Executive Officer regarding Office of Local Government Reform Proposal for Code of Conduct and Meeting Practices.

Moved by Councillor L Butler and seconded by Councillor M Wright

MOTION

That Council note the Chief Executive Officer will make a submission to the Office of Local Government by 15 November 2024, based on the information contained in this report and any additional points raised on the floor of this Corporate Services Committee meeting.

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Butler, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, R Ivey, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Nil

CONFIDENTIAL

In accordance with Section 9(2A) Local Government Act 1993, in the opinion of the Chief Executive Officer, the following business is of a kind as referred to in Section 10A(2) of the Act, and should be dealt with in a confidential session of the Committee meeting closed to the press and public.

The item listed comes within the following provisions of the Act:

CSC24/51 - Macquarie Foreshore Events Precinct And Old Dubbo Gaol Heritage Plaza Additional Funding Requirements - (Section 10A(2)(d)(ii)) - information that would, if
disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the Council.

There were no submissions as to whether the meeting should be closed for these items.

At this juncture it was moved by Councillor M Wright and seconded by Councillor L Butler that the Committee resolves into Closed Session, the time being 7:49pm.

Councillor S Chowdhury left the meeting, the time being 07:48 pm Councillor S Chowdhury returned to the meeting, the time being 07:49 pm

Councillor P Wells left the meeting, the time being 07:49 pm Councillor P Wells returned to the meeting, the time being 07:51 pm

At this juncture it was moved by Councillor L Butler and seconded by Councillor P Toynton that the Council resolves into open session, the time being 8:00 pm.

The open session resumed at 8:00 pm.

The resolution made in the closed session was displayed on screen.

CSC24/51 MACQUARIE FORESHORE EVENTS PRECINCT AND OLD DUBBO GAOL HERITAGE PLAZA - ADDITIONAL FUNDING REQUIREMENTS (ID24/2047)

The Committee had before it the report dated 31 October 2024 from the Manager Building Assets regarding Macquarie Foreshore Events Precinct and Old Dubbo Gaol Heritage Plaza - Additional Funding Requirements.

Moved by Councillor M Wright and seconded by Councillor L Butler

MOTION

That members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of this item, the reason being that the matter concerned commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the Council (Section 10A(2)(d)(ii)).

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor J Black and seconded by Councillor P Toynton

MOTION

That the matter be deferred to the November Ordinary Meeting of Council to enable the CEO to seek further advice from Infrastructure NSW for Council's consideration.

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Butler, S Chowdhury, J Cowley, R Ivey, K Richardson, A Ryan, P Toynton, P Wells and M Wright.

Against: Nil

The meeting closed at 8:02 pm.	
CHAIRPERSON	