



# **REPORT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, BUSINESS AND CORPORATE COMMITTEE 12 AUGUST 2019**

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

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

The Chief Executive Officer, the Executive Manager Governance and Internal Control, the Internal Ombudsman, the Community Support Officer, the Manager Governance Operations, the Communications Coordinator, the Director Organisational Performance, the Director Culture and Economy, the Manager Economic Development and Marketing, the Destination Marketing Officer, the Manager Regional Experiences, the Director Infrastructure, the Manager Water Supply and Sewerage, the Director Development and Environment, the Manager Growth Planning, the Manager Building and Development Services, the Senior Planner and the Director Liveability.

Councillor G Mohr assumed chairmanship of the meeting.

The proceedings of the meeting commenced at 6.04pm.

**EDBC19/28 REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BUSINESS AND CORPORATE COMMITTEE - MEETING 8 JULY 2019 (ID19/1073)**

The Committee had before it the report of the Economic Development, Business and Corporate Committee meeting held 8 July 2019.

Moved by Councillor D Gumley and seconded by Councillor K Parker

**MOTION**

**That the report of the Economic Development, Business and Corporate Committee meeting held on 8 July 2019, be noted.**

**CARRIED**

**EDBC19/29 UPDATES TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT (ID19/1062)**

The Committee had before it the report dated 25 July 2019 from the Executive Manager Governance and Internal Control regarding Updates to the Local Government Act.

Moved by Councillor V Etheridge and seconded by Councillor A Jones

**MOTION**

1. That Council note that it resolved at its Ordinary meeting held 25 February 2019 that subject to Council's approval of the estimate provided by the State Electoral Commissioner, Dubbo Regional Council ("the Council") resolves that:
  - i. Pursuant to sections 296(2) and (3) of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW) ("the Act") and subject to confirmation of estimates as provided by the Electoral Commissioner that an election arrangement be entered into by contract for the Electoral Commissioner to administer all elections of the Council.
  - ii. Pursuant to sections 296(2) and (3) of the Act, as applied and modified by section 18, that a council poll arrangement be entered into by contract for the Electoral Commissioner to administer all council polls of the Council.
  - iii. Pursuant to sections 296(2) and (3) of the Act, as applied and modified by section 18, that a constitutional referendum arrangement be entered into by contract for the Electoral Commissioner to administer all constitutional referenda of the Council, if required.
2. That Council note that Dubbo Regional Council, as a Council formed in 2016, will have its rate path freeze extended until 1 July 2021, unless it resolves to apply to the Minister to vary the existing rates path freeze determination and the determination is varied.
3. That Council not apply to the Minister for a variation in the rate path freeze away from 1 July 2021.

**CARRIED**

**EDBC19/30 DRAFT - INTERNAL OMBUDSMAN POLICY (ID19/740)**

The Committee had before it the report dated 1 August 2019 from the Internal Ombudsman regarding Draft - Internal Ombudsman Policy.

Moved by Councillor B Shields and seconded by Councillor K Parker

**MOTION**

**That the draft Internal Ombudsman Policy and Fact Sheet, as attached to the report of the Internal Ombudsman dated 12 June 2019, be adopted.**

**CARRIED**

**EDBC19/31 INVESTMENTS UNDER SECTION 625 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT - JULY 2019 (ID19/1060)**

The Committee had before it the report dated 1 August 2019 from the Director Organisational Performance regarding Investments Under Section 625 of the Local Government Act - July 2019.

Moved by Councillor A Jones and seconded by Councillor D Grant

**MOTION**

**That the report from the Director Organisational Performance dated 1 August 2019 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 the Committee's consideration of this matter. The reason for such interest is that Councillor K Parker an employee of the Dubbo Branch of the Bank of Queensland, a bank that Council has funds invested with.*

At this Juncture, the Manager Economic Development and Marketing, the Manager Regional Experience and the Destination Marketing Officer presented the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer with the two Gold Awards from the Regional Tourism Awards.

**EDBC19/32 RECOGNITION OF REGIONAL TOURISM AWARDS TO DUBBO REGIONAL COUNCIL (ID19/1094)**

The Committee had before it the report dated 6 August 2019 from the Director Culture and Economy regarding Recognition of Regional Tourism Awards to Dubbo Regional Council.

Moved by Councillor B Shields and seconded by Councillor J Ryan

**MOTION**

- 1. That the report from the Director Culture and Economy dated 6 August 2019 be noted.**
- 2. That Council Staff be congratulated on the awarding of the two Gold Awards at the Regional Tourism Awards.**

**CARRIED**

**EDBC19/33 DUBBO SHOWGROUND MASTER PLAN (ID19/1075)**

The Committee had before it the report dated 29 July 2019 from the Director Culture and Economy regarding Dubbo Showground Master Plan.

Moved by Councillor B Shields and seconded by Councillor D Grant

**MOTION**

1. That the report from the Director Culture and Economy dated 29 July 2019 be noted.
2. That the Dubbo Showground Master Plan be adopted.
3. That stakeholders and community members be thanked for their contribution.
4. That the Master Plan activities be implemented in accordance with budget allocations, grant opportunities and partnerships with community groups.

**CARRIED**

**EDBC19/34 DUBBO CITY CAR CLUB SURRENDER OF DEVELOPMENT CONSENT FOR DRAG STRIP (ID19/1067)**

The Committee had before it the report dated 26 July 2019 from the Manager Property Assets regarding Dubbo City Car Club surrender of Development Consent for Drag Strip.

Moved by Councillor A Jones and seconded by Councillor V Etheridge

**MOTION**

**That the report from the Manager Property Assets dated 12 August 2019 be noted.**

**CARRIED**

*Councillor J Ryan declared a non-pecuniary, significant interest in the matter now before the Committee and left the room and was out of sight during the Committee's consideration of this matter. The reason for such interest is that Councillor J Ryan campaigned for the dragstrip to move ahead and have been assisting Dubbo City Car Club.*

**EDBC19/35 LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

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

Moved by Councillor V Etheridge and seconded by Councillor A Jones

**MOTION**

**That such request for leave of absence be accepted and Councillor J Diffey be granted leave of absence from this meeting.**

**CARRIED**

The meeting closed at 6.14pm.

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CHAIRMAN