



# REPORT CULTURE, ECONOMY AND CORPORATE COMMITTEE 14 APRIL 2020

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

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

The Chief Executive Officer, the Executive Manager Governance and Internal Control, the Administration Officer CEO, the Community Support Officer, the Director Organisational Performance, the Chief Information Officer, the Chief Financial Officer, the Director Infrastructure, the Manager Infrastructure Delivery, the Director Culture and Economy, the Director Liveability, the Director Development and Environment and the Communications Partner.

The Local Government Act and Regulations were amended to provide for video conferencing of Council and Committee meetings. This meeting was held by video conference with live web streaming.

Councillor B Shields assumed chairmanship of the meeting.

The proceedings of the meeting commenced at 6.02pm.

**CEC20/8 REPORT OF THE CULTURE, ECONOMY AND CORPORATE COMMITTEE - MEETING 9 MARCH 2020 (ID20/202)**

The Committee had before it the report of the Culture, Economy and Corporate Committee meeting held 9 March 2020.

Moved by Councillor D Gumley and seconded by Councillor S Lawrence

**MOTION**

**That the report of the Culture, Economy and Corporate Committee meeting held on 9 March 2020, be noted.**

**CARRIED**

**CEC20/9 REPORT OF THE DUBBO REGIONAL COUNCIL AIRPORTS PANEL - MEETING 23 MARCH 2020 (ID20/295)**

The Committee had before it the report of the Dubbo Regional Council Airports Panel meeting held 23 March 2020.

Moved by Councillor G Mohr and seconded by Councillor D Gumley

**MOTION**

**That the report of the Dubbo Regional Council Airports Panel meeting held on 23 March 2020, be adopted.**

**CARRIED**

**CEC20/10 REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE - COUNCILLOR K PARKER (ID20/292)**

The Committee had before it the report dated 6 April 2020 from the Chief Executive Officer regarding Request for Leave of Absence - Councillor K Parker.

This item was withdrawn at the request of Councillor K Parker.

**CEC20/11 DESTINATION DUBBO: INTERNATIONAL READY - QUARTERLY PROJECT UPDATE (ID20/121)**

The Committee had before it the report dated 25 February 2020 from the Tourism Product Development Manager regarding Destination Dubbo: International Ready - Quarterly Project update.

Moved by Councillor D Grant and seconded by Councillor J Diffey

**MOTION**

**That the report of the Tourism Product Development Manager dated 25 February 2020, be noted.**

**CARRIED**

**CEC20/12 INVESTMENTS UNDER SECTION 625 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT - MARCH 2020 (ID20/245)**

The Committee had before it the report dated 1 April 2020 from the Director Organisational Performance regarding Investments Under Section 625 of the Local Government Act - March 2020.

Moved by Councillor D Grant and seconded by Councillor A Jones

**MOTION**

**That the report from the Director Organisational Performance dated 2 March 2020, 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 Parker is an employee of the Bank of Queensland, Dubbo, and Council has funds invested with Bank of Queensland, Dubbo.*

**CEC20/13 COVID-19 RATES FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE POLICY (ID20/298)**

The Committee had before it the report dated 8 April 2020 from the Chief Financial officer regarding COVID-19 Financial Assistance Policy.

Moved by Councillor G Mohr and seconded by Councillor S Lawrence

**MOTION**

**That, in accordance with Clause 9.3 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice, this item be considered as a matter of urgency.**

**CARRIED**

Moved by Councillor G Mohr and seconded by Councillor S Lawrence

**MOTION**

- 1. That the draft COVID-19 Rates Financial Assistance Policy, as attached to the report of the Chief Financial Officer dated 8 April 2020 as Appendix 1, be adopted.**
- 2. That no interest be applied to outstanding Rates and Charges to these Ratepayers who make a successful application under the COVID-19 Rates Financial Assistance Policy for the period 1 June 2020 to 31 December 2020.**

**CARRIED**

**CEC20/14 LEAVE OF ABSENCE (FILE13/353)**

Requests for leave of absence were received from Councillors V Etheridge and J Ryan who were absent from the meeting due to personal reasons.

Moved by Councillor S Lawrence and seconded by Councillor D Gumley

**MOTION**

**That such requests for leave of absence be accepted and Councillors V Etheridge and J Ryan be granted leave of absence from this meeting.**

**CARRIED**

The meeting closed at 6.14pm.

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CHAIRMAN