



REPORT FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE 19 JUNE 2017

PRESENT:

Mr M Kneipp (Administrator).

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

The Interim General Manager, the Director Organisational Services, the Manager Governance and Risk, the Supervisor Governance (J O’Dea), the Director Corporate Development (N Comber), the Corporate Communications Supervisor, the Director Technical Services, the Manager Fleet Management Services, the Fleet Maintenance Supervisor, the Manager Civil Infrastructure and Solid Waste, the Director Environmental Services, the Manager Building and Development Services, the Manager City Strategy Services, the Director Community Services, the Manager Social Services, the Director Parks and Landcare Services and the Transition Project Leader.

Mr M Kneipp (Administrator) assumed chairmanship of the meeting.

The proceedings of the meeting commenced at 5.48 pm.

**FPC17/33 REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE - MEETING 15 MAY 2017
(ID17/953)**

The Committee had before it the report of the Finance and Policy Committee meeting held 15 May 2017.

Moved by Mr M Kneipp (Administrator)

MOTION

The Committee recommends that the report of the Finance and Policy Committee meeting held on 15 May 2017, be adopted.

CARRIED

FPC17/34 DRAFT 2017/2018 OPERATIONAL PLAN AND BUDGET (INCLUDING DRAFT REVENUE POLICY) - FINAL DETERMINATION (ID17/971)

The Committee had before it the report dated 13 June 2017 from the Interim General Manager regarding Draft 2017/2018 Operational Plan and Budget (Including Draft Revenue Policy) - Final Determination.

Moved by Mr M Kneipp (Administrator)

MOTION

The Committee recommends:

1. That it again be noted that the draft 2017/2018 Operational Plan and Budget (including Revenue Policy and forward budgets for 2018/2019, 2019/2020 and 2020/2021) of the Dubbo Regional Council have been prepared on the basis of a consolidation of the previous Dubbo City and Wellington Councils draft Operational Plans and Budgets.
2. That the draft 2017/2018 Operational Plan and Budget (including Revenue Policy) be adopted, subject to the following amendments:
 - a. The Library Services Contribution by Council to Macquarie Regional Library being reduced by \$117,000 due to a budget overestimation.
 - b. The inclusion in the 2017/2018 Operational Plan of an amount of \$50,000 for additional Rural Road Slashing.
 - c. The inclusion in the 2017/2018 Operational Plan of an amount of a further \$35,000 towards the estimated costs of the NSW Electoral Commission in undertaking the 2017 General Election for Dubbo Regional Council.
 - d. The inclusion in the 2017/2018 Operational Plan of an amount of \$32,000 to fund a tourism partnership initiative with the NSW Government.
 - e. Council's draft 2017/2018 Revenue Policy being amended in respect of the Bodangora Aerodrome as follows:
 - i. The 'Exclusive Use of Facility - Including Runways Per Day' charge of \$500.00 specify 'Flight related'.
 - ii. The 'Exclusive Use of Facility - Including Runways Per Day' charge of \$1,133.00 specify 'Drag related' be included, and replace the previously proposed Drag Racing Events charge of \$2000.00.
 - iii. The fee for "Non-Exclusive Use of the Facility – Including Flying Events (Per Pilot) of \$50.00 be reduced to no charge.
 - iv. The fee for "Non-Exclusive Use of the Facility – Non Flying events (Per Day) of \$200.00 be reduced to no charge.
 - v. The fee for Flying Training – Circuits (per Touch & Go) of \$5.00 be reduced to no charge.
 - f. Council's draft 2017/2018 Revenue Policy being amended in respect of Parks and Landcare Services Division Functions as follows:
 - i. The existing canteen fee in respect of the Dubbo Junior Rugby League Club House being removed and replaced with a casual hire fee of \$500.00 which includes use of the Club House, canteen and post event clean;
 - ii. The charge for the Wellington Senior Rugby Union Club being \$1,300.00;

and

- iii. The identified circus hire fee of \$1,100.00/day being deleted and circuses and other light commercial events at Ollie Robins Oval being charged at a rate of \$850.00/day being for Commercial Event Usage as currently included in the draft Policy.
 - g. Council's draft 2017/2018 Revenue Policy being amended in respect of the issuing of Section 603 Certificates such that the charge in 2017/2018 be \$80.00 per Certificate as per the approved fee determined by the Office of Local Government.
 - h. Fees for the usage of the Dubbo Pipe Band Hall being included in the 2017/2018 Revenue Policy as follows:
Dubbo Pipe Band Hall

Midnight Café	\$20.00 (inc GST) per hire
Individuals and Community Group Use	\$27.00 (inc GST) per hire (excluding parties/commercial activities)
 - i. Council's draft 2017/2018 Revenue Policy in respect of entry fees (inc GST) to the Old Dubbo Gaol for children aged 4 to 15 years being amended to be as follows:

Day Admission	\$5.50
Day Admission Additional Child on a Family Ticket	\$5.00
Groups Per Person (50+ PAX) Child Entry	\$5.00
Motel Promotion Child Entry	\$5.00
Motel Promotion Additional Child on a Family Ticket	\$4.00
 - j. Council's draft 2017/2018 Revenue Policy being amended to take into account the various revised charges as identified in the report of the Director Organisational Services dated 9 June 2017 in response to a GST compliance review.
3. That the forward forecast budgets of 2018/2019, 2019/2020 and 2020/2021 be adopted for the purpose of generally guiding future funding decisions of Council in respect of this three year period.
 4. That having regard to amendments to fees and charges at Bodangora Aerodrome resulting in budgeted income for the 2017/2018 financial year reducing from an estimated \$10,000 to \$5,000, the necessary adjustments in respect of these reductions be made at the September 2017 Quarterly Review.
 5. That a further report be submitted to Council in due course regarding the proposed fees for Bodangora Aerodrome pending a review of the facility in consultation with users and stakeholders.
 6. That it be noted that Council, in 2017/2018, will be replacing the existing speed cushions across the full width of Windsor Parade such that these cushions effectively become a speed hump and that Mrs Kelly of the Orana Gardens Resident Forum be advised of this and further advised of the status of and subsequent outcomes in respect of traffic management in Windsor Parade in Dubbo.
 7. That the proposal for the construction of a new cycle track from the Wellington Caves complex (via Wellington) to Mount Arthur Reserve (Wellington) be considered in a future review of the Wellington Bike Plan, noting that the priorities of this Plan will inform Council's future Cycleway Construction Program.

8. That Council continue to pursue grant funding opportunities for the replacement of Terrabella Bridge, incorporating the construction of the western end of Terrabella Road.
9. That the existing formation of the unsealed section of Terrabella Road continue to be maintained, as appropriate, pending the future realignment of the road to accommodate the future replacement of Terrabella Bridge.
10. That Council consider the manner in which it levies charges in respect of domestic waste management services on retirement villages for a report in conjunction with the preparation of Council's draft 2018/2019 Operational Plan (including Revenue Policy).
11. That flooding at 160 Gipps Street, Dubbo, emanating from the unnamed lane between Bishop and Denison Streets, Dubbo, be included on Council's Stormwater System Deficiency List for further investigation.
12. That pending advice from Statecover Mutual as to the financial impact on Council's Budget as a result of the NSW Government's decision to defer the introduction of the Fire and Emergency Services Levy (FESL), the necessary financial adjustments be made at the September 2017 Quarterly Review.
13. That the draft 2017/2018 Macquarie Regional Library Operational Plan and Budget, as displayed, be adopted.
14. That the various submissions received in respect of Council's Operational Plan and Budget be acknowledged and that submitters be thanked for their input and responded to having regard to the various resolutions of Council, as appropriate, and the comments contained within the Directors' reports.

CARRIED

FPC17/35 INVESTMENTS UNDER SECTION 625 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT (ID17/963)

The Committee had before it the report dated 5 June 2017 from the Director Organisational Services regarding Investments Under Section 625 of the Local Government Act.

Moved by Mr M Kneipp (Administrator)

MOTION

The Committee recommends that the information provided within the report of the Director Organisational Services, dated 5 June 2017 be noted.

CARRIED

FPC17/36 INVESTMENT POLICY AND STRATEGY REVIEW (ID17/996)

The Committee had before it the report dated 13 June 2017 from the Manager Financial Accounting Services regarding Investment Policy and Strategy Review.

Moved by Mr M Kneipp (Administrator)

MOTION

The Committee recommends:

1. That the draft Investment Policy July 2017 and the Draft Investment Strategy July 2017 as Appendix 1 and Appendix 2 as attached to this report of the Manager Financial Accounting Services dated 13 June 2017 be adopted.
2. That Council's Investment Policy and Investment Strategy be again reviewed and submitted to Council for determination via Council's Finance and Policy Committee in December 2017.

CARRIED

FPC17/37 ALCOHOL FREE ZONES WELLINGTON (ID17/804)

The Committee had before it the report dated 16 May 2017 from the Director Community Services regarding Alcohol Free Zones Wellington.

Moved by Mr M Kneipp (Administrator)

MOTION

The Committee recommends:

1. That the proposed alcohol free zone to cover public roadways, footpaths and car parks as detailed in Appendices 1 and 2 of the report of the Director Community Services dated 16 May 2017 be adopted.
2. That the period of operation of the alcohol free zone in item 1 above be from 1 October 2017 to 30 September 2021 inclusive for every day of the week, 24 hours per day.
3. That the crime rates in Wellington, community concern over crime and law and order issues as detailed in this report and the low incidences of street drinking as a result of the existing alcohol free zones in the Dubbo Regional Council Local Government Area be used as reasons for the requirement of the alcohol free zone.
4. That the necessary actions in accordance with Sections 642 to 646 of the Local Government Act 1993 inclusive be undertaken to establish the proposed alcohol free zone in item 1 above.
5. That an agreement by Council to lease a section of public area for use as a restaurant under Section 125 of the Roads Act 1993 overrides the provisions of an alcohol free zone.

CARRIED

FPC17/38 QUARTERLY REVIEW OF THE 2016/2017 DUBBO SOCIAL PLAN (ID17/899)

The Committee had before it the report dated 30 May 2017 from the Manager Social Services regarding Quarterly Review of the 2016/2017 Dubbo Social Plan.

Moved by Mr M Kneipp (Administrator)

MOTION

The Committee recommends that the information contained within the report of the Manager Social Services dated 30 May 2017 be noted.

CARRIED

FPC17/39 2017-2020 DUBBO REGIONAL COUNCIL DISABILITY INCLUSION ACTION PLAN (ID17/900)

The Committee had before it the report dated 30 May 2017 from the Manager Social Services regarding 2017-2020 Dubbo Regional Council Disability Inclusion Action Plan.

Moved by Mr M Kneipp (Administrator)

MOTION

The Committee recommends:

- 1. That Council's draft Disability Inclusion Action Plan be provided to the NSW Disability Council advising that Council's draft Plan will be the subject of further public consultation and will be further considered at Council's August 2017 Ordinary meeting of Council for determination.**
- 2. That Council's draft Disability Inclusion Action Plan be placed on public exhibition for consultation purposes for a period of not less than 28 days for a further report to be considered by Council in August 2017.**

CARRIED

FPC17/40 CHILDCARE PLACES IN DUBBO (ID17/901)

The Committee had before it the report dated 30 May 2017 from the Manager Social Services regarding Childcare Places in Dubbo.

Moved by Mr M Kneipp (Administrator)

MOTION

The Committee recommends that the information contained in the report of the Manager Social Services dated 30 May 2017 be noted.

CARRIED

FPC17/41 QUARTERLY REVIEW OF THE DUBBO REGIONAL COUNCIL AGEING STRATEGY (ID17/902)

The Committee had before it the report dated 30 May 2017 from the Manager Social Services regarding Quarterly Review of the Dubbo Regional Council Ageing Strategy.

Moved by Mr M Kneipp (Administrator)

MOTION

The Committee recommends that the information contained within the report of the Manager Social Services dated 30 May 2017 be noted.

CARRIED

FPC17/42 REQUEST FOR ADJUSTMENT TO WATER USAGE ACCOUNT FOR UNITS 1-4/163 MACQUARIE STREET DUBBO, STRATA PLAN 31026 (ID17/960)

The Committee had before it the report dated 2 June 2017 from the Revenue Accountant regarding Request for Adjustment to Water Usage Account for Units 1-4/163 Macquarie Street Dubbo, Strata Plan 31026.

Moved by Mr M Kneipp (Administrator)

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 the personal hardship of any resident or ratepayer (Section 10A(2)(b)).

CARRIED

Moved by Mr M Kneipp (Administrator)

MOTION

The Committee recommends:

- 1. That a 50% reduction in water consumption billed for the period 1 December 2016 to 1 March 2017 be granted, resulting in the write off of \$11,875.57 in total granted to the unit owners in Strata Plan 31026.**
- 2. That the documents and considerations in regard to this matter remain confidential to Council.**

CARRIED

The meeting closed at 6.09 pm.

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CHAIRMAN