



REPORT CULTURE, ECONOMY AND CORPORATE COMMITTEE 8 MARCH 2021

PRESENT: Councillors J Diffey, 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 CEO, the Governance and Internal Control Manager, the Community Liaison Officer, the Communications Partner, the Director Organisational Performance, the Director Culture and Economy, the Director Infrastructure, the Director Development and Environment, the Manager Growth planning, the Manager Building and Development Services and the Director Liveability.

Councillor D Gumley assumed chairmanship of the meeting.

The proceedings of the meeting commenced at 5.40 pm.

CEC21/5 LEAVE OF ABSENCE (ID21/274)

No requests for leave of absence were received.

**CEC21/6 REPORT OF THE DUBBO REGIONAL COUNCIL AIRPORTS PANEL - MEETING 1
MARCH 2021 (ID21/343)**

The Committee had before it the report of the Dubbo Regional Council Airports Panel meeting held 1 March 2021.

Moved by Councillor G Mohr and seconded by Councillor J Ryan

MOTION

That the report of the Dubbo Regional Council Airports Panel meeting held on 1 March 2021, be adopted.

CARRIED

CEC21/7 FIVE YEAR POST AMALGAMATION BOOK (ID21/259)

The Committee had before it the report dated 1 March 2021 from the Manager Corporate Image and Communications regarding Five Year Post Amalgamation Book.

Moved by Councillor K Parker and seconded by Councillor V Etheridge

MOTION

1. That the report of the Manager Corporate Image and Communications, dated 1 March 2021, be noted.
2. That Council approve production of a newspaper style five year post amalgamation print project.
3. That Council approve a budget of \$50,000 for Corporate Image and Communications to manage the overall production, print, and delivery of the newspaper style five year post amalgamation print project with any unspent budget returned to Council's consolidated revenue.

CARRIED

CEC21/8 QUARTERLY REPORT ON DOCUMENTS EXECUTED UNDER THE POWER OF ATTORNEY (ID21/275)

The Committee had before it the report dated 22 February 2021 from the Governance and Internal Control Manager regarding Quarterly Report on Documents Executed Under the Power of Attorney.

Moved by Councillor J Ryan and seconded by Councillor V Etheridge

MOTION

That the information contained within the report of the Governance and Internal Control Manager, dated 22 February 2021, be noted.

CARRIED

CEC21/9 INVESTMENTS UNDER SECTION 625 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT - FEBRUARY 2021 (ID21/222)

The Committee had before it the report dated 1 March 2021 from the Chief Financial Officer regarding Investments Under Section 625 of the Local Government Act - February 2021.

Moved by Councillor J Diffey and seconded by Councillor D Grant

MOTION

That the information contained within the report of the Chief Financial Officer, dated 1 March 2021, be noted.

CARRIED

Councillor K Parker declared 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 is an employee of the Bank of Queensland and Council has funds invested with the Bank of Queensland.

CEC21/10 INCREASE TO BANK GUARANTEE FACILITY LIMIT (ID21/231)

The Committee had before it the report dated 12 February 2021 from the Chief Financial Officer regarding Increase to Bank Guarantee Facility Limit.

Moved by Councillor A Jones and seconded by Councillor K Parker

MOTION

1. That the report of the Chief Financial Officer, dated 12 February 2021, be noted.
2. That Council's bank guarantee facility limit with the National Australia Bank be increased from \$50,000 to \$200,000.
3. That Council enter into a new Business Letter of Offer document in favour of National Australia Bank.
4. That the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to complete any documentation under delegated Power of Attorney.

CARRIED

CEC21/11 WRITING OFF RATES AND CHARGES AND DEBTS (ID21/236)

The Committee had before it the report dated 15 February 2021 from the Chief Financial Officer regarding Writing off Rates and Charges and Debts.

Moved by Councillor G Mohr and seconded by Councillor D Grant

MOTION

1. That the report of the Chief Financial Officer, dated 15 February 2021, be noted.
2. That the draft Writing off Rates and Charges and Debts Policy, as attached at Appendix 1, be adopted.

CARRIED

CEC21/12 DRAFT RATES STRUCTURE FOR 2021/2022 (ID21/269)

The Committee had before it the report dated 19 February 2021 from the Revenue Accountant regarding Draft Rates Structure for 2021/2022.

Moved by Councillor V Etheridge and seconded by Councillor K Parker

MOTION

1. That the report of the Revenue Accountant, dated 19 February 2021, be noted.
2. That Council adopt the Rate Categories and Sub-categories outlined in the 'Proposed Categories and Sub-categories' tables within this report.
3. That Council adopt the Draft Rate Structure contained within the report as the basis for a community information program and preparation of the Revenue Policy contained within the 2021/2022 Draft Operational Plan.
4. That the 2021/2022 Draft Rate Structure incorporate a General Income variation (the rate pegging limit) of 2.0% being the maximum minimum permitted for the 2021/2022 rating year as determined by IPART.

CARRIED

CEC21/13 LOCAL PURCHASING POLICY PROGRESS REPORT 2020 (ID21/214)

The Committee had before it the report dated 22 February 2021 from the Corporate Procurement Specialist regarding Local Purchasing Policy Progress Report 2020.

Moved by Councillor G Mohr and seconded by Councillor J Ryan

MOTION

1. That the report of the Corporate Procurement Specialist, dated 22 February 2021, be noted.
2. That a further report be provided to Council in June 2021 updating the Local Purchasing Policy progress.

CARRIED

The meeting closed at 5.49 pm.

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CHAIRMAN