

REPORT

CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE

10 JUNE 2025

PRESENT: Councillors J Black, L Butler, 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 Officer, the Director Strategy, Partnerships and Engagement, the Corporate Strategy and Performance Coordinator, the Communications Partner, the IT Infrastructure Specialist, the IT Support Officer, the Director Development and Environment, the Manager Building and Development Services, the Manager Growth Planning, the Senior Planner, the Development Contributions Administrator, the Director Infrastructure, the Director Community, Culture and Places, and the Manager Recreation and Open Space.

Councillor K Richardson assumed the chair of the meeting.

The proceedings of the meeting commenced at 6:02pm at the Dubbo Civic Administration Building, Council Chamber.

CSC25/34 LEAVE OF ABSENCE (ID25/473)

Requests for leave of absence were received from Councillors S Chowdhury and M Dickerson who were absent from the meeting due to personal reasons.

Moved by Councillor J Black and seconded by Councillor P Wells.

MOTION

That such requests for leave of absence be accepted and Councillors S Chowdhury and M Dickerson be granted leave of absence from this meeting.

CARRIED

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

Against: Nil

CSC25/35 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (ID25/474)

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

CSC25/36 REPORT OF THE VILLAGES COMMITTEE - MEETING 19 MAY 2025 (ID25/1030)

The Committee had before it the report of the Villages Committee meeting held 19 May 2025.

Moved by Councillor P Toynton and seconded by Councillor J Black.

MOTION

That the report of the Villages Committee meeting held on 19 May 2025, be noted.

CARRIED

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

Against: Nil

CSC25/37 REPORT OF THE WELLINGTON TOWN COMMITTEE - MEETING 21 MAY 2025 (ID25/1037)

The Committee had before it the report of the Wellington Town Committee meeting held 21 May 2025.

Moved by Councillor R Ivey and seconded by Councillor A Ryan.

MOTION

That the report of the Wellington Town Committee meeting held on 21 May 2025, be noted.

CARRIED

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

Against: Nil

CSC25/38 DRAFT 2025/2026 BUDGET, OPERATIONAL PLAN AND ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS - RESULTS OF PUBLIC EXHIBITION (ID25/352)

The Committee had before it the report dated 2 June 2025 from the Director Strategy Partnerships and Engagement regarding Draft 2025/2026 Budget, Operational Plan and associated documents - Results of Public Exhibition.

Moved by Councillor J Black and seconded by Councillor P Toynton.

MOTION

- 1. That the following draft documents be amended to include the recommendations of Council.**
 - a) Draft 2025-2029 Delivery Program and 2025/2026 Operational Plan (Appendix 1)**

- b) Draft 2025/2026 Budget and Forward Forecasts for 2026/2027, 2027/2028, 2028/2029 including Capital Expenditure
 - c) Draft 2025/2026 Fees and Charges (Appendix 2)
 - d) Draft 2025/2026 Statement of Revenue Policy (Appendix 3)
 - e) Draft 2025-2029 Resourcing Strategy (including the Long-Term Financial Plan, Workforce Management Strategy and Asset Management Strategy) (Appendix 4)
 - f) Draft 2025/2026 Macquarie Regional Library Operational Plan, Budget and Fees and Charges (Appendix 5)
2. That the finalised documents be put to the June Ordinary Meeting of Council for adoption, and to commence operation on 1 July 2025.
 3. That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to approve any minor administrative corrections prior to publication and authorise the relevant staff to implement any such corrections.
 4. That those who made a submission be advised of Council's determination on this matter.

CARRIED

For: Councillors J Black, L Butler, 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 below come within the following provisions of the Act:

- IPEC25/40 - CD25-3031 - *Tender for External Plant Hire - Light Vehicles, Plant and Equipment* - 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)).
- CSC25/39 – *Outcome of Expression of Interest process – Proposed Licence for Lot 101 Hennessy Drive, Dubbo – Lot 1 DP1286114* - the matter concerned information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business (Section 10A(2)(c)).

There were no submissions as to whether the meeting should be closed for a particular item.

At this junction it was moved by Councillor L Butler and seconded by Councillor J Cowley that the Committee resolves into Closed Session, the time being 6:13 pm.

The Open Session resumed at 6:25pm.

The following resolutions made in the closed session were displayed on the screen.

CSC25/39 OUTCOME OF EXPRESSION OF INTEREST PROCESS - PROPOSED LICENCE FOR LOT 101 HENNESSY DRIVE, DUBBO - LOT 101 DP 1286114 (ID25/746)

The Committee had before it the report dated 16 April 2025 from the Property Services Team Leader regarding Outcome of Expression of Interest Process - Proposed Licence for Lot 101 Hennessy Drive, Dubbo - Lot 101 DP 1286114.

Moved by Councillor L Butler and seconded by Councillor J Cowley.

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 information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business (Section 10A(2)(c)).

Moved by Councillor M Wright and seconded by Councillor P Toynton.

MOTION

- 1. That Council decline to accept the expression of interest (EOI) submission by both applicants to lease the premises situated at Lot 101 Hennessy Drive, Dubbo, properly described as Lot 101 DP1286114 (Property).**
- 2. That the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to negotiate directly with the applicant as outlined in the report.**
- 3. That the property be re-advertised for a licence via the EOI process, if negotiations are unsuccessful.**
- 4. That all documentation in relation to this matter be executed under Power of Attorney.**
- 5. That the considerations in relation to this matter remain confidential to Council.**

CARRIED

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

Against: Nil

The meeting closed at 6:26pm.

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CHAIRPERSON