



EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

Held on

Wednesday, 17 May 2017
9am

at

Council Chambers

PRESENT: Administrator, Dr Ian Tiley.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr Peter Dennis (Chief Executive Officer), Mr Lindsay Woodland (Group Leader Organisation Services), Mr Mark Piorkowski (Group Leader Service Delivery), Mr Keith Lockyer (Chief Financial and Information Officer), Mr John Duggan (Program Leader Financial Accounting), Mrs Jessica Bower (Executive Officer), Mr Peter Wilson (Senior Governance Officer).

MINUTES

1. CIVIC PRAYER AND RECOGNITION OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS
ADVICE REGARDING TAPING OF MEETINGS

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
Nil.

3. HAVE YOUR SAY ON AN AGENDA ITEM

Dr Herman Beyersdorf spoke on item 5.2.2 FOR DECISION: Adoption of Draft Four Year Delivery Program and Operational Plan 2017-2018.

Mrs Maria Hitchcock spoke on behalf of Armidale Regional Ratepayers Association on item 5.2.2 FOR DECISION: Adoption of Draft Four Year Delivery Program and Operational Plan 2017-2018.

4. DEPUTATIONS BY GROUPS/COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS
Nil.

5. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

5.1 OUR ENVIRONMENT
Nil.

5.2 OUR GOVERNANCE

5.2.1 FOR DECISION: Adoption of Community Strategic Plan 2027

Ref: AINT/2017/06385 (ARC16/0502)

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RECOMMENDATION:

That the Community Strategic Plan 2027 be adopted.

The recommendation was ADOPTED.

5.2.2 FOR DECISION: Adoption of Draft Four Year Delivery Program and Operational Plan 2017-2018

Ref: AINT/2017/06384 (ARC17/1962)

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RECOMMENDATION:

- a) That the Draft Four Year Delivery Program 2017-2021 and Operational Plan 2017-2018 be endorsed for public exhibition;
- b) That the Draft Operational Budget 2017-2018 be endorsed for public exhibition;
- c) That the Draft Revenue Policy (Parts B) – Ordinary Rates and Annual Charges be endorsed for public exhibition;
- d) That the Draft Resourcing Strategy, incorporating the Long Term Financial Plan, be endorsed for public exhibition;
- e) That the Draft Plans prepared under the Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework be placed on public exhibition from Friday 19 May to Monday 19 June;
- f) Council is committed to engagement with the community and will hold public meetings in Armidale and Guyra during the exhibition period to provide an explanation of Council's budgets, priorities and programs; and
- g) That following the exhibition period (not less than 28 days), a report be presented to Council on 28 June 2017, which outlines community submissions, along with the final IP&R Plans.

The recommendation was ADOPTED.

5.2.3 FOR DECISION: Financial Strategy 2017-2021

Ref: AINT/2017/05084 (ARC16/0441)

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RECOMMENDATION:

- a) That Council endorses the Draft Financial Strategy 2017-2021 for public exhibition;
- b) That the Strategy be placed on public exhibition for a period of at least 28 days from Friday 19 May to Monday 19 June 2017 and that any submissions received be considered at the Council meeting of 28 June and if no submissions are received the Strategy be adopted;
- c) Council is committed to engagement with the community and will hold public meetings in Armidale and Guyra during the exhibition period to provide an explanation of Council's budgets, priorities and programs;
- d) That following adoption of the Strategy, Council will:
 - i. Prepare the Long Term Financial Plan to achieve the strategic outcomes over a 5-10 year period.
 - ii. Undertake a service level review involving community consultation to assist with securing long term financial sustainability
- e) That the Strategy be reviewed a minimum of every two years.

The recommendation was ADOPTED.

5.2.4 FOR DECISION: Merger Implementation Plan *Ref: AINT/2017/07118 (ARC16/0002)*

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RECOMMENDATION:

- a) That the allocation of \$5,000,000 from the Merger Implementation Grant for the funding of merger related workstreams and projects, as detailed in the report, be approved.
- b) That the CEO be granted delegated authority to approve allocation of the remaining contingency and the prudent ongoing allocation of funding to the nominated workstreams.

The recommendation was **ADOPTED**.

5.3 OUR INFRASTRUCTURE

Nil.

5.4 OUR PEOPLE

5.4.1 FOR DECISION: Armidale Regional Council Disability Inclusion Action Plan (DIAP)

Ref: AINT/2017/07207 (ARC17/1504)

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RECOMMENDATION:

- a) That the draft Disability Inclusion Action Plan (DIAP) be placed on public exhibition for 28 days from 18 May to 15 June 2017.
- b) Following the public exhibition period that a final draft and any submissions received be sent to the Council meeting scheduled for 28 June, to be fully endorsed as Council's first DIAP.

The recommendation was **ADOPTED**.

There being no further business the Administrator declared the meeting closed at 9:45am.