



SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS BUSINESS
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ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

To be held on

Wednesday, 24 March 2021
4pm

at

Armidale Council Chamber

Members

Councillor Ian Tiley (Mayor)
Councillor Debra O'Brien (Deputy Mayor)
Councillor Peter Bailey
Councillor Jon Galletly
Councillor Andrew Murat
Councillor Margaret O'Connor
Councillor Dorothy Robinson

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

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| Item: | 9.7 | Ref: AINT/2021/08516 |
| Title: | Invitation to the Auditor General | Container: ARC16/0025 |
| Author: | Dorothy Robinson, Councillor | |
| Attachments: | Nil | |

I hereby give notice of my intention to move the following motion at the Ordinary Council to be held on 24 March 2021.

That we invite the Auditor General to visit Council in the next 2 months to discuss the impact of the new accounting standards of Local Government.

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Cr Dorothy Robinson

22 March 2021

Known Legal Implications:

None.

Budget Implications:

None.

Strategic Implications:

None.

Policy Implications:

No conflict and no new direction required.

General Manager's Comment:

The submitted notice of motion does not provide any detail articulating the new accounting standards that will have an impact so this will be a difficult invitation to extend.

If Cr Robinson can articulate the new accounting standards of local government that will have an impact this will be a good starting point.

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| Item: | 13.8 | Ref: AINT/2021/08515 |
| Title: | Minutes of Councillor Village Tour and Town Meetings | Container: |
| | ARC21/4491 | |
| Responsible Officer | Acting Director Organisational and Corporate Services | |
| Author: | Jessica Bower, Executive Officer | |
| Attachments: | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Ben Lomond - Minutes - 27 February 20212. Wards Mistake - Minutes - 27 February 20213. Black Mountain - Minutes - 27 February 20214. Guyra - Minutes - 2 March 20215. Ebor - Minutes - 6 March 20216. Wollomombi - Minutes - 6 March 20217. Hillgrove - Minutes - 6 March 20218. Armidale - Minutes - 10 March 2021 | |

1. Purpose

This report tables the minutes of the Councillor Tours held throughout February and March 2021.

2. OFFICERS' RECOMMENDATION:

That the minutes of the meetings be noted and staff investigate all issues over the coming months and, where necessary, seek consideration of proposed actions in budget discussions.

3. Background

At the Extraordinary Council Meeting on 22 December 2020, Council resolved to conduct engagement opportunities with the community across Armidale, Guyra and the villages during February and March 2021. Council also adopted that the minutes would be reported back to a future Council meeting.

4. Discussion

The Mayor, Councillors and members of the Executive Leadership Team attended the Councillor Tour which included the following meetings:

- Saturday 27 February - Ben Lomond, Wards Mistake, Black Mountain
- Tuesday 2 March - Guyra
- Saturday 6 March - Ebor, Wollomombi, Hillgrove
- Wednesday 10 March - Armidale.

A session was scheduled for Saturday 20 March in Lower Creek however it was cancelled due to heavy rains making Kempsey Road unsafe and closed to all but emergency vehicles.

The Councillors and ELT met with more than 70 residents as part of the tours and the minutes of the meetings are attached.

5. Implications

5.1. Strategic and Policy Implications

Council has a Community Engagement Policy (POL226) which provides the framework for a consistent and best practice approach to engaging with the community across all Armidale Regional Council (ARC) area and functions. The policy assists Council to be open, transparent and accountable, and to make decisions in the best interest of the public.

5.2. Risk

The minutes comprise a range of issues with varying risks that will be assessed on a case by case basis as each action item is considered.

5.3. Sustainability

A positive and engaged community will help to engender a sustainable Council by ensuring community issues are addressed and outcomes are in line with community expectations.

5.4. Financial

Staff time will be required to investigate and address the issues and communicate back to residents. However, this time is considered part of our business as usual.

It is intended that consideration of proposed actions that have a financial implication be considered in budget discussions.

| Budget Area: | Nil | | | | | | |
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| Funding Source: | Nil | | | | | | |
| Budget Ref: (PN) | Description | Approved Budget | Actual | Committed | Proposed | Total Forecast Expenditure | Remaining Budget |
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6. Consultation and Communication

The sessions were communicated to residents via a number of communication channels including via the Local Area Committees and community representatives for the venue bookings, flyers distributed in each village, Guyra Gazette advertising, Council E-news, social media posts, listed on Council website and via the Kempsey Road residents email distribution list.

The Mayor and Councillors are also attending Coffee Catch-Ups at public spaces. Sessions have been held at the Courthouse Café on Wednesday 3 February, the Guyra Café on Thursday 18 February and Caffiends (Armidale) on Wednesday 3 March.

Sessions are planned to be held at Era Espresso (Armidale) on 24 March and JoJos café (Guyra) on Thursday 1 April.

It is proposed that return visits will be conducted when Council consults in May and June 2021 regarding next year's Operational Plan and Budget.

7. Conclusion

It is proposed that all matters raised and included in the minutes be investigated and addressed and communicated back to residents directly and/or via the Local Area Committees.