



MINUTES

Finance Committee

held at

Council Administration Centre
Committee Room
180 Mort Street, Lithgow

on

Tuesday 14 February 2023

at 5:00 PM

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The Mayor declared the meeting open at 5:07 pm.

1. Acknowledgement of Country

The Mayor acknowledged Wiradjuri Elders past and present of the Wiradjuri nation - the original custodians of the land on which the Lithgow's communities reside and extended respect to our neighbouring nations.

2. Present

Present: Mayor M Statham, Councillor A Bryce.

Officers: Craig Butler, Ross Gurney, Jonathon Reid, Trinity Newton (minute taker).

3. Apologies

Apologies: Councillor D Goodsell, Councillor E Mahony.

4. Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest made.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

THAT standing orders be suspended for the meeting due to a lack of quorum.

MOVED: Councillor M Statham

SECONDED: Craig Butler

Carried

The report items were discussed by the Councillors and staff present.

5. Staff Reports

5.1. 2022/23 Quarter Two Budget Review

The CFIO presented the 2022/23 Quarter Two Budget Review report to the Committee. The CFIO has stated in the Quarterly Performance Report that Council's projected financial position at 30 June 2023 will be satisfactory, having regard to the original budget position.

Council's projected position at 30 June 2023 has changed from an operating result (before capital) of \$6.4M surplus (Quarter One review) to an expected \$6.9M surplus (Quarter One review).

The CFIO explained that the reasons for the significant change in Council's projected operating result (before capital) from original budget \$3.6M surplus to \$6.9M surplus substantively relates to the extraordinary extent of road repairs following multiple natural disasters.

The 2022/23 capital expenditure budget is now projected to be \$37.1M.

The CFIO stated that Council had sufficient cash and investments to fund Council's external and internal restrictions at 31/12/22.

ACTION / RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Finance Committee endorse the following recommendation to the 27 February 2023 Council meeting.

THAT Council

1. Note the contents of the report and the projected consolidated operating result (before capital) of \$6.9M surplus for the 2022/23 Operational Plan as detailed in the Quarterly Budget Review Report for the period 1 October 2022 to 31 December 2022.
2. Note that the reasons for the significant change in Council's projected operating result road repairs following multiple natural disasters.
3. Adopt the income, expenditure and capital budget variations to the 2022/23 Council budget as outlined in the attached report.

The recommendation was noted.

5.2. Investment Report January 2023

The CFIO presented the Investment Report and explained the movements in the cash & investments balance and high value Accounts Payable transactions.

ACTION / RECOMMENDATION

THAT

1. Investments of \$30,731,270 and cash of \$653,081 for the period ending 31 January 2023 be noted.
2. The enclosed certificate of the Responsible Accounting Officer be noted.
3. The commentary on funding requirements for restricted reserves be noted.

The recommendation was noted.

5.3. Audit Action List

The terms of reference for the Finance Committee include a responsibility to monitor audit actions and timely completion of actions. The audit action lists were provided for the Committee to note progress towards completing the actions arising from each audit project.

ACTION / RECOMMENDATION

THAT progress towards completing internal and external audit actions be noted by the Committee.

The recommendation was noted.

6. General Business

The Committee was also provided with a brief verbal update on the Financial Sustainability Plan, the Special Rate Variation application, and other actions to enhance financial sustainability.

7. Meeting Close

There being no further business the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 5:47 pm.