



MINUTES

Finance Committee

held at

Council Administration Centre
Committee Room
180 Mort Street, Lithgow

on

Monday 11 March 2019

at 4:30 pm

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The Chairperson declared the meeting open at 4:30pm.

1. Present

Present: Councillor S Ring, Councillor R Thompson

Officers: Graeme Faulkner, Ross Gurney, Trinity Newton - Minutes

2. Apologies

An apology was received from and leave of absence granted to Councillor W McAndrew who is unable to attend due to personal business.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: G Faulkner

3. Declaration of Interest

There were Nil declarations of interest.

4. Staff Reports

4.1. Rating Queries - Cr Ring - Dennis Gooley to attend meeting

Revenue Manager, Dennis Gooley, attended the meeting to respond to Councillor's general rating queries.

ACTION / RECOMMENDATION

THAT the committee note the information given by Dennis Gooley.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: G Faulkner

CARRIED: Unanimously

4.2. Finance Update

The CFIO provided information on the financial results to 28 February 2019 and progress of developing the 2019/20 budget. The CFIO responded to queries on Council's current financial position.

ACTION / RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Finance Update given to the Committee be noted.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: G Faulkner

CARRIED: Unanimously

4.3. LG Analyser - Lithgow Council Results

The CFIO gave the Committee information in relation to the Local Government Analyser data for Lithgow Council.

ACTION / RECOMMENDATION

THAT the information be noted.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Graeme Faulkner

4.4. Auditor-General Report on Local Government 2018

The CFIO presented the Auditor-General Report on Local Government 2018 and the CFIO's response to the report.

ACTION / RECOMMENDATION

THAT the information in the Auditor General Report on Local Government 2018.

MOVED: Councillor J Smith

SECONDED: Graeme Faulkner

CARRIED: Unanimously

4.5. FIN - 11/03/19 - Investment Report February 2019

ACTION / RECOMMENDATION

THAT

1. Investments of \$30,630,000 and cash of \$975,716.67 for the period ending 28 February 2019 be noted.
2. The enclosed certificate of the Responsible Accounting Officer be noted.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Graeme Faulkner

CARRIED: Unanimously

4.6. March Council Meeting - Review of Finance & Assets Reports

The Committee discussed the Reports which will be considered at the March Council meeting.

Policy 9.5 Councillor Expenses and Facilities was discussed. Further changes will be considered in relation to:

- General travel expenses
- Professional development

ACTION / RECOMMENDATION

FIN 25/03/19 Audit Committee Meeting Minutes 13 December 2018

THAT Council endorses the CTA Audit Committee October meeting minutes.

FIN 25/03/19 Upper Macquarie County Council Additional Funding Request

THAT Council:

1. Accepts the UMCC additional funding request for a total sum of \$48,441 over three years from 2019/20.

2. Includes an additional UMCC contribution of \$15,750 in the draft 2019/20 Operational Plan.
3. Informs the UMCC General Manager of Council's decision.

GM - 25-03-2019 - Policy 9.5 Councillor Expenses and Facilities

THAT Council:

1. Endorse revised Policy 9.5 Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities to Councillors for public exhibition and comment for 28 days.
2. Following the exhibition period that Policy 9.5 Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities to Councillors be returned to Council for further consideration.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Graeme Faulkner

CARRIED: Unanimously

4.7. February Performance Reporting to OLG

ACTION / RECOMMENDATION

THAT the information within the February Performance Report to the Office of Local Government be noted.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Graeme Faulkner

CARRIED: Unanimously

4.8. Audit Action Lists

The Committee Reviewed the Audit Action List.

ACTION / RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Audit Action List be noted.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Graeme Faulkner

CARRIED: Unanimously

5. General Business

5.1 External Funding Grant Application

ACTION / RECOMMENDATION

That the external grant funding applications be noted and that the Mayor authorise the EPA Waste Less Recycle More grant applications.

MOVED: Councillor S Ring

SECONDED: Graeme Faulkner

CARRIED: Unanimously

6. Meeting Close

Next Meeting to be held Monday 8th April 2019 at 4:30 pm.
There being no further business the meeting closed at 5:15 pm.