



MINUTES

Finance Advisory Committee Meeting

20 September 2022, Council Chambers

Attendees:

Mayor R Bell
Deputy Mayor Cr R Crouch
Cr T Bower
Cr S Burrows
Cr B McMullen
Cr T O'Connor (via Zoom)
Cr L Petrov
Cr T Toomey

Apologies:

Cr L Doran

In attendance:

General Manager – Ms K Jessep
Director, Community Services – Ms C Valencius
Interim Director, Infrastructure of Development – Mr C Bennett
Interim Director, Corporate Services – Mr C Weber
Manager, Finance & IT – Ms L Waters
Minute Clerk – Wendy Westbrook
Guest presenter: Professor J Drew, University of Newcastle
Guest presenter: Mr C Weber, LG Outcomes

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1 MEETING OPEN & WELCOME

The Chair declared the meeting open at 4:03pm.

2 APOLOGIES, REQUESTS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE AND OBSERVERS

5.1 *The Chair advised that Cr Doran was an apology.*

5.2 *The Chair acknowledged the attendance of consultants:*

Professor Joseph Drew, University of Newcastle (financial sustainability item)

Mr Chris Weber, LG Outcomes (budget review item)

3 DISCLOSURE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no disclosure or declarations made

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.1 Minutes from the 14 June 2022 Finance Advisory Committee Meeting.

Minutes of the Finance Advisory Committee Meeting held 14 June 2022 were presented to the 26 July 2022 Ordinary Council Meeting where as a committee of the whole they were adopted as a true record.

5 LATE ITEM - Nil

6 PRESENTATIONS - Nil

7 REPORTS

7.1 FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY PRESENTATION

That Financial Advisory Committee receive the Financial Sustainability presentation by Professor J Drew.

MOTION Moved: Mayor Bell / Seconded Cr McMullen

For: Mayor Bell, Crs Crouch, Bower, Burrows, McMullen, O'Connor, Petrov, Toomey

Against: nil

Absent: nil

FAC01.09/22 CARRIED

The Mayor called for a short adjournment at 5.30pm

The Mayor resumed the meeting at 5.54pm

7.2 PREPARATION OF END OF FINANCIAL YEAR – VERBAL REPORT

That Financial Advisory Committee receive the verbal update from the Manager Finance and Information Technology on the progress of preparation of the end of financial year statements.

MOTION Moved: Mayor Bell / Seconded Cr Burrows

For: Mayor Bell, Crs Crouch, Bower, Burrows, McMullen, O'Connor, Petrov, Toomey

Against: nil

Absent: nil

FAC02.09/22 CARRIED

7.3 AGED CARE REFORM LEGISLATIVE EFFECTS ON COUNCIL'S AGED AND COMMUNITY CARE

That the Finance Advisory Committee note the report and presentation on the effects of Aged Care Reform.

MOTION Moved: Cr Toomey / Seconded Cr Burrows

For: Mayor Bell, Crs Crouch, Bower, Burrows, McMullen, O'Connor, Petrov, Toomey

Against: nil

Absent: nil

FAC03.09/22 CARRIED

7.4 2022/23 INDEPENDENT BUDGET REVIEW

That the Financial Advisory Committee receive a brief on the progress of the Draft Independent Review of the 2022-23 budget by C Weber of LG Outcomes and clarify the requirements of Council resolution 20.05/22:

Part b. kerbside collections optimum service delivery program – revisit the business case information in the report to the July 2022 Council report (not further work by LG Outcomes at this time); and

Part d. retaining services within budget – focus on the business planning process for 2023/24 using the improved asset management plans which provide improved clarity on service levels rather than just previous expenditure levels on service areas (not further work by LG Outcomes at this time);.

MOTION Moved: Cr O'Connor / Seconded Cr Burrows

For: Mayor Bell, Crs Crouch, Bower, Burrows, McMullen, O'Connor, Petrov, Toomey

Against: nil

Absent: nil

FAC04.09/22 CARRIED

8 MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE - Nil

9 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS - Nil

10 NEXT MEETING

11 MEETING CLOSED

Meeting closed at 7.29pm.

12 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

COUNCIL MINUTES CONFIRMED BY:	
RESOLUTION NUMBER:	
DATE:	
CHAIR:	Mayor Robert Bell
Presented to Council	Ordinary Meeting <date>